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New bridge could carry sewerage lines

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The proposed new recreational bridge over the Androscoggin River may end up carrying more than bicyclists, pedestrians and snowmobilers.

Bethel selectmen are considering whether the structure should be designed to also carry sewerage lines.

There's little demand at the moment from Mayville residents for Bethel to extend the lines to their part of town, but with further development there almost inevitable selectmen see the bridge project as an opportunity to be prepared for future infrastructure demand.

"Most people over there right now don't want it," Selectman Reggie Brown said at last week's meeting, "but 10 years from now they might want it, and we'd be the fools who didn't at least plan for it."

Engineer Mark Allenwood, of Weston & Sampson Engineers, told the selectmen that

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By ALISON ALOISIO

Fellow selectman Al Barth agreed. Referring to the 130-acre Ladd Farm, which is currently for sale, Barth said: "We could have a whole development there. I think it's prudent of us to look ahead and make the accommodations necessary — and it may not be 10 years, it may be 15, but the cost will be a lot higher then, and if we have to go back and reconfigure the bridge we could be talking big bucks."

The Maine Department of Transportation is picking up the \$1.1 million tab for the new bridge, but if Bethel opted to add a utility bay to accommodate sewerage lines, the town would need to pay the state for the cost of design and installation.

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G'wood, W'stock face trash overdrafts

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock and Greenwood, partners in the G&W Transfer Station, must each come up with several thousand dollars to make up overdrafts in their solid waste accounts, town officials said last week.

An increase in solid waste volume and in disposal fees caused the overdraft, they said.

Woodstock selectmen discussed the possibility of holding a special Town Meeting to approve transferring \$7,500 in funds from another account.

But they then decided it would be acceptable for them to authorize the transfer themselves, taking funds from an account that holds Milton Township's share of

G&W costs. That money is paid to Woodstock by Oxford County.

The selectmen have the authority to transfer money from other accounts to cover overdrafts.

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They're riding the rails at Mt. Abram

By MICHAEL DANIELS

It's the latest wrinkle in the ever evolving snow-toy market.

Mt. Abram opened for the season last weekend with, of course, its familiar trails and friendly faces, but also with a new attraction for adventurous snowboarders and free skiers — a jib park, where riders and skiers can literally ride the rails.

The rails are mounted on top of several variously shaped elements scattered around the 350-by-150-foot jib park.

While the jib park is new

to Mt. Abram, being ridden is not a new experience for the rails themselves — they are constructed from the steel monorail that was a summer attraction at the ski area in the late 1970s.

That business quickly went bad, and for the next two decades the rail itself rested unused in the woods.

Now they're back in the entertainment business, as a stage on which skilled skiers and riders can strut their stuff.

Brad Chaflin, director of

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Heavy rains turn Bethel into an island

Trailer park evacuated by boat, routes 2, 5, 26 and 232 closed.

the river" in the area of the Intervale/East Bethel roads, but Greenwood firefighters found no sign of it, Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp said.

Bethel personnel could not get through the flooded roads to check themselves, he said.

Sunday River Ski Resort was closed for the day because many employees could not get there, and because ambulances were not available in the event of skiing injuries, resort officials said.

Water facility affected.

More than travel was affected. Bethel's water treatment

trustee. It was drawn down to about 300,000 by Friday morning, when production resumed.

By the beginning of this week, the water district had made enough repairs to produce treated water at close to 100 percent capacity again, Head said.

The request to conserve water was lifted Monday morning, when the reservoir was back to 95 percent capacity.

Boat rescue

Between 16 and 20 trailer park residents on Jonathan Clark Lane in Bethel took an unexpected boat ride last Thursday morning when the

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Telstar High School snow sports previews

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Telstar boys' alpine ski team returns all but one skier from last year, and gains back a member lost early last season to injury. With all that experience, coach Greg Luetje has hopes for a strong showing in this year's championship races.

The squad includes last year's individual Class A slalom champion, senior Travis Brooks. Other seniors include Jake and Adam Largess, regular top scorers last year, and Mark Hodgkin.

Returning juniors include Mike Brown, Fred Emerson, Justin Donneruma and Tom Scotti. Scotti broke his leg early last year and missed most of the season. Sophomore Steve Scotti completes the roster.

"Tom Scotti has been skiing awesome. We're psyched to

Alpine skiing

have him back," said Luetje. The coach said he expects Steve to be close on his brother's ski tails.

Luetje also expects Brown to contribute points this year, picking up where he left off last season. "He's coming right up through the ranks," he said.

On the girls' side, lone senior Justine Carver leads the way.

"She's excellent, and technically sound," said Luetje. Pushing

better," he said.

Completing the team are junior Riley Gilbert, sophomores Heather Gonet and Margaret Duplessis, and freshmen Whitney James and Lauren Conroy.

Duplessis and Gonet are new to racing, Luetje said, but they're picking it up quickly. Depth has been a problem in

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Letters

ACT, BEFORE SOMEONE DIES

To the Editor:

Once again, and if my memory serves me well, for the fourth time in all the years I have resided in Bryant Pond, a speeding trucker has rolled his rig in the village. This time demolishing utility poles and a minivan, as well as disrupting the tranquility of the town. This time it was a truck full of yeast. In the past it has been gasoline and other loads.

I remember one such rollover well, because one of my daughters was in daycare in the building the rollover hit, and I could only thank the almighty that the truck hit the wrong doorway or all the kids in the daycare would have been trapped until the rig was removed.

Just what are the selectmen and town officials going to do to stop these accidents before a gasoline truck rolls over and bursts open and creates a real human tragedy? Faced with no available police manpower from the county or state, "the town should not get involved in anything resembling a police action."

Well the town should get involved in matters of public safety and I commend David Conary for at least trying to slow down some of these speeding trucks with his idea about a radar gun, but I think the entire town of Woodstock should involve themselves in formulating a resolution of the dangers that exist in that intersection.

Signs and flashing lights do not seem to be the answer. In conjunction with the planned improvements of the town common, maybe we can incorporate a comprehensive review and solve the safety problem, too. Perhaps a reworking of the intersection with an actual stop sign which forces these vehicles to come to a complete stop before turning left or right would help make it safer.

Maybe we should consider a town constable, with police power to ticket and if necessary arrest these speeders. I am sure the amount of fines would more than cover the county's share of court-related expenses, with the balance being enough to cover the cost of the constable and related training and equipment.

I would hope that more concerned citizens offer some serious suggestions to the town before somebody gets killed. Just imagine for a moment if a member of your family was walking on the sidewalk from the post office to the village store when that truck full of yeast came around the corner.

Joseph Gaidis
Bryant Pond

REMEMBERING JULIA BROWN

To the Editor:

The Bethel Historical Society has lost a dedicated member in the death this week of Julia Brown. For years she served faithfully on the Special Projects and Building committees. Her interest in the society was great and we will miss her participation and involvement.

Among her unique contributions, however, was the detailed knowledge of Bethel gleaned from the more than forty years she served as a telephone operator. One of the things I miss most was in the earlier days of the society we would gather a dozen or more of our most knowledgeable (meaning those with the longest and keenest memories) citizens to discuss a topic on which our researchers were currently focusing. This might be the history of a particular street or subjects such as the poor farm or logging or medical practices in western Maine. Julia was often a member of that group and her recall of the past was invariably useful. A great deal of information was gathered from these sessions and recorded for reference. Many details that were collected have appeared in various forms in the society's quarterly *The Courier*, but a considerable body remains in the archives and in personal collections.

In her later years, Julia frequently could be observed on her walks around the streets of Bethel. Often I would meet her and we would discuss some question that had come to my attention. She usually had an answer. I miss seeing her on these walks and certainly am the poorer without her detailed knowledge of the local past.

Stan Howe
Executive Director, Bethel Historical Society

PROUD OF THE DANCERS

To the Editor:

The Spring Street Dance Theater of Bethel was very pleased with the crowd of people who attended the show on Saturday evening. The audience was wonderful and very responsive to the performers. The dancers all did a great job. I am proud of them.

We are pleased to announce that we were able to donate \$720 to the Telstar softball team to help with their trip in the spring. Thanks for all the support. Happy holidays.

Maryanne Jordan
for Spring Street Dance Theater

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Storm

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PERILS OF THE FLOODPLAIN—Bethel Outdoor Adventures has been down this road before.

(Photo by Staci Littlehale)

Androscoggin River rose rapidly around them.

The Bethel Fire Department's rescue boat made about seven trips over the course of an hour, beginning about 6:30 a.m., according to Mike Jodrey, assistant fire chief. The water in the area was between four and four and one-half feet deep, he said.

"Everyone was pretty calm," said Jodrey. The group included several children and about a half dozen pets. Several cats made the trip strapped into laundry baskets, he said.

Jodrey said three or four people opted to stay in the homes and wait the waters out. The level continued to rise some after the rescue, he said.

About eight firefighters took part in the operation.

Monica Ludden and her family, including her 3-year-old son and the family dog, were among those rescued.

Ludden said she woke her son and asked, "Do you want to go for a boat ride?"

The youngster quickly put on his boots. "He was all ready," Ludden said.

They spent the night with her mother, and were back home the next day. Ludden said she didn't find any obvious damage. "My front door was frozen shut," she said.

The animals at the trailer park weren't the only pets affected by the flood. The Bethel Fire Station fielded several calls from people trying to figure out how they could get their pets to the Bethel Animal Hospital for appointments, Jodrey said.

BAH is located just outside Bethel Village on Route 26, on the other side of the area that flooded.

One enterprising dog owner, Kevin Slater of Newry, used a canoe to navigate the waters, bringing his ill dog to the veterinarian.

Ice before the flood

Last Wednesday night, at the height of the rainstorm, black ice suddenly turned Route 2 into a skating rink in Gilford. The slick road brought about 100 cars and trucks to a standstill for several hours.

Gilford Fire Chief Ken Cole, on his way home from work in Bethel at about 4:30 p.m.,

'It was pouring rain the whole time. It was like putting salt down, and then power washing it.'

KEN COLE
Gilead fire chief,
on black ice conditions
on Route 2
Wednesday night

was among those backed up.

"Tractor trailers couldn't make some of the hills. At least a half dozen of them went off into a snow bank, or got stuck in the middle of the road," he said. "The vehicles started piling up. Everyone was stopped right in their tracks."

The problem area stretched for between three and five miles, he said, between Bog Brook and the center of town.

Cole called the Bethel Fire Department on his radio and asked them to close Route 2 from Bethel.

Then he and about 10 firefighters used their radios to help with communications along the road. The Gilford town crew sanded and salted their end of the North Road, enabling traffic to be rerouted that way, he said.

The New Hampshire State

Police detoured traffic from the Shelburne, N.H. end, and the Oxford County Sheriff's Department was also on the scene, Cole said.

But even the would-be rescuers — MDOT salt trucks — found it tough going. A westbound salt truck slid into a snow bank and became stuck itself. It was pulled out by another salt truck that worked its way east from Gilford, Cole said.

At one point, about four trucks weaved their way back and forth along the stretch of road, pouring salt onto the pavement.

But, Cole said, "It was pouring rain the whole time. It was like putting salt down, and then power washing it," he said.

Finally, one lane was cleared of traffic and salted enough to let drivers start moving, he said. As a precaution, some firefighters escorted vehicles with fire department vehicles or their own trucks to make sure drivers kept their speed down, said Cole. About 9:30 p.m., traffic was again allowed through from Bethel.

"It's hats off to the state crew," Cole said, for their persistence in applying salt under very difficult conditions. Town crews were also a big help in keeping the North Road in good enough shape to take the detour traffic, he said.

Cole said that although there was some flooding on the road in the Bog Brook area, it never really became a problem — at least not compared to the black ice.

No injuries were reported on the stretch of road, but a tanker truck slid into a pulp truck that had become stuck on the side of the road.

Wet again?
The weather forecast for Wednesday called for rain, heavy at times. Amounts were not projected to be as great as last week's storm.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: Quick action by a homeowner awakened by the smell of smoke and grabbing a fire extinguisher, smothered the flames around a chimney, averting a structure fire. Dale Buck, his wife Jannine, daughter, Skye, and four dogs were uninjured in the 3 a.m. fire on the Gore Road, Woodstock.

Sammy Chapman of Bethel had released his first full-length album of original songs. Recorded at the Outlook studio in Bethel, the album also featured performances by Mark Miller, Michael Wiskey, Paul Farrar, Merrill Rollins and Richard Labonville.

Deaths: Evangeline M. Carlisle, George A. Crockett, Edgar Rainey.

20 years ago: Bethel Savings Bank announced the election of Dexter M. Stowell and Wilbur R. Myers as Trustees Emeriti. The pair joined a select group, Kimball Ames, Robert Hastings and Richard L. Davis, who were previously named.

Telemark ski instruction and exercise classes were to be offered at the Bethel Inn.

Birth: Joshua Thomas Taylor.

Deaths: Mabel B. Robertson, Helen Choate Abbott, John F. O'Leary.

30 years ago: A day of rain brought flooding and hazardous conditions to Bethel and surrounding area. Route 26 was covered with two feet of water at its junction with Cross Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Emery and son, Scott, portrayed the Holy Family at the annual presentation of the Living Nativity on Bethel Common.

Elwin H. Chenery, 15 years old of Andover, lost his life as he was salting an ice-slicked highway in East Andover. The vehicle from which he was sanding skidded, went over an embankment and overturned, apparently pinning him underneath.

Birth: Shawn Philip Smith.
Death: Elwin H. Chenery.

40 years ago: A group of hardy members of the Mundt-Alien Post, American Legion, braved the elements and set up boards for a community skating rink.

Due to a ruling by the Maine State Principals Association, an appearance by the Oxford Hills High School basketball team in a holiday tournament in Berlin, N.H. was canceled.

The Maine Ski Council planned junior ski camp session at Sunday River and Mt. Abram.

Births: Peggy-Sue Richard, Cherie Lynn Snyder, Sheila Marie Gallant.

Death: Dorothy Lovejoy.

50 years ago: Bethel adopted the town manager form of government. Using printed ballots, 135 favored the change and 30 were opposed. Other business at the special Town Meeting included increasing the term of the selectmen and assessors from three years to five. By a vote of 77 to 33 the voters decided to close High Street to vehicular traffic between Elm and Church Streets.

The long awaited date of publication of "Yesterday and Today" by Erma Thurston Young had arrived. Mrs. Young was born and reared in Newry and the book was full of reminiscences of earlier days while growing up in the rugged foothills of Oxford County.

Death: Margaret M. Bryant.

60 years ago: Miss Ethlyn McMillin had joined the WACS and was receiving basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

70 years ago: Over 300 children were at Naimey's store to greet Santa Claus and receive gifts from the Christmas tree.

80 years ago: Charles Bean, proprietor of a boarding house on Main Street, was stabbed by a lodger. Mr. Bean was taken to the hospital and the boarder committed to South Paris jail.

Miss Etta Bartlett resigned as principal of Bethel Grammar School and went to teach language at the Pettengill School, Rumford.

100 years ago: F. Saunders was cutting birch at West Bethel.

W.W. Hastings purchased the Chapman Block on Broad Street (now owned by Jette and Janet Black).

Fred Merrill was home for the holidays from his studies at Harvard Law School.

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DOUBLE WHAMMY—Route 2 west of Bethel had problems with both flooding and icing.

(Photo by Rosemary Stackhouse)

Letters to the Editor

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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Briefly

Loop trail project receives grant

AUGUSTA — The Grafton Loop Trail Construction project recently received a \$30,000 grant from the Outdoor Heritage board. The program was established in 1995 by the Maine Legislature to provide an additional source of funding for conservation and recreation projects across the state. The loop trail is a 42-mile backcountry hiking trail.

Trinward retires from bank board

BETHEL — After 46 years of service, Dr. Jack Trinward, DDM, has retired from the board of directors of Northeast Bancorp, the parent company of Northeast Bank, FSB and Northeast Financial Services, Inc. A dentist in Bethel, Trinward joined the board of Bethel Savings Bank in 1956, and remained an active member through the creation of Bethel Bancorp, a merger with Brunswick Federal Savings Bank, the purchase of several KeyBank branches, formation of Northeast Bancorp, creation of a financial services division, Northeast Financial Services, the purchase of Cushing Bank & Trust, and eventually Kendall Insurance. Trinward was chairman of the Bethel Bancorp Board from 1987 to 1996, and then chairman of the Northeast Bancorp Board from 1996 to 2003.

New contact for NYB parade

BETHEL — Joe Bailey has taken over the responsibility for coordinating the lighted vehicle parade, one of the events scheduled for New Year's Eve Dec. 31. The parade will assemble at 5:45 p.m. at the Bethel Family Health Center on Railroad Street. Anyone interested in taking part, or wanting further information, should call Bailey at 824-3543.

Snowshoers added to ski group

NEWRY — The Soup 'n Ski group at the Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center is now welcoming snowshoers. The group meets Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. until noon. All levels of experience and ability may participate. The charge is \$6, and rentals of ski and snowshoes are available. Soup for season passholders is \$3. For more information call 824-2410.

MHS Gould skier wins gold

BETHEL — Luba Lowery, 15, of Yarmouth, and a Gould Academy freshman and member of the Maine Handicapped Skiing racing team, took the Junior Women's Gold medal at the Disabled Sports/USA Level 2 giant slalom race in Breckenridge, Colo., at the annual Hartford Ski Spectacular on Dec. 12. Luba, the junior women's gold medalist in the DS/USA's Diana Golden Level I race series at Mt. Sunapee Resort last March, won a spot on this year's qualifying races at the Hartford Ski Spectacular along with fellow MHS racers Matt Bell, 23, of Presque Isle and Isaac Roy, 18, of Litchfield, last year's winners of the Men's Division at Mt. Sunapee. All three athletes received free round trip airline tickets to the Hartford Ski Spectacular to take part in the largest annual gathering of adaptive skiers and riders in the country. Terrie Anne Guay, director of operations at Maine Handicapped Skiing and race manager at MHS, accompanied the three athletes to Colorado along with four longtime MHS volunteers and race coaches; Lisa Schwarz, Andrea Prudhomme, Steve Kazilionis, and Wally Elsmore.

Fryeburg airport loses operator

FRYEBUG — The fixed-base operator at Eastern Slopes Regional Airport, Neal Minschwaner, has notified customers he will cease business operations Dec. 31. He is the owner of Fryeburg Aviation. The airport authority is currently negotiating with another party to serve as operator, and has hired someone to temporarily provide snowplowing and fuel to the approximately three dozen airplanes at the airport.

Unemployment down slightly

AUGUSTA — The seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate for Maine was 4.9 percent, down slightly from 5.1 percent in October and up from 4.7 percent a year ago, according to state Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman. The Maine unemployment rate remained well below the national November rate of 5.9 percent. Between November 2002 and November 2003, seasonally adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs were nearly unchanged, falling by 200 to 603,600. The manufacturing sector recorded the largest job loss, with declines in paper, computers and electronic equipment, and textile and apparel manufacturing. Mostly offsetting the job losses, gains were recorded primarily in education and health services and retail trade. Other New England states reporting their seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November include Vermont, 4.0 percent; New Hampshire, 4.3 percent; Rhode Island, 4.9 percent; and Connecticut, 5.0 percent. The adjusted national rate for November was 5.9 percent, down from 6.0 percent for October and unchanged from November 2002.

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AUGUSTA — The Maine State Library has several outreach programs that serve people who have trouble reading regular print, who have difficulty holding a book, or do not have access to a nearby library. The Large Print, Talking Books and Books by Mail programs provide books at no charge to eligible citizens. Call (800) 762-7106 or go to www.maine.gov/msl/outreach.

Endangered species book offered

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Downeaster ridership down

PORLTAD — Ridership on Amtrak's Downeaster train between Boston and Maine was down in its second year of operation, but rail officials say they hope to boost ridership, revenues and the speed of the train as the train's service is extended to more cities. The train departs Boston for Woburn and Haverhill, Mass., then Exeter, Durham and Dover, N.H., before stopping in Maine in Wells, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Portland. Officials are planning to extend the service to Freeport and Brunswick by 2007, and that should boost revenues. A citizens group called Train Riders/Northeast would also like to see the train's speed increased, arguing that if it were faster, more people would ride. The Downeaster began running on Dec. 15, 2001 — the first train to run between Portland and Boston since 1965.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Water, water everywhere

Wednesday, Dec. 17

At 6:35 p.m. police received a report of a vehicle floating down the road on Route 223. On arrival the officers found rescue personnel and MDOT on the scene. The driver was out of the vehicle and safe. Route 223 was then closed.

Thursday, Dec. 18

At 12:42 p.m., at the request of the Bethel Water District, police served area businesses with a request to implement water conservation because of the heavy rain.

At 1:32 p.m. police were asked by the Sheriff's Office to check a report of water flowing across the road on the East Bethel Road. The officer observed the water, and notified the road foreman, who said he would block off the road.

At an unspecified time police called a tow truck to tow a vehicle that had been swamped by floodwaters and abandoned on the Parkway.

Sunday, Dec. 21

At 8:39 a.m. police were advised by the Sheriff's Office that a line was hanging from a utility pole on Main Street. The officer found the line, a telephone cable, and notified the telephone company.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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Overdrafts

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Town accounts may be overdrawn by up to 10 percent. But the total overdraft, expected to be around \$17,000, exceeds that, so the difference will be made up through the transfer.

In Greenwood, an extra \$10,000 to \$15,000 will be needed to cover that town's overdraft, according to Town Manager Carol Whitman.

She said that on the advice of the town's accountant, Greenwood will carry the

overdraft into 2004. An article will be then placed in the annual Town Meeting warrant, requesting the money be taken from surplus.

Whitman said the town wanted to avoid holding a special Town Meeting during the holidays to deal with the problem.

Greenwood had appropriated \$64,500 for its share in G&W.

Bridge

Continued from page 1

the cost to install the pipe on the bridge (now) would not add that much cost to the overall project, but to do it later would certainly be expensive."

Allenwood also argued that it would make sense to set the utility bay up so that it could also carry a water line. "As an engineer, from a long-range planning standpoint, I think that would be a benefit to the town."

Water currently flows into town through a lead-joint pipe on the river bottom, downstream from the current bridge.

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UP ON THE RAILS
instructor Jeni Shaw of Bethel ascends one of the rail topped elements in Mt. Abram's new jib park. The steel rails used in the park are recycled from a monorail that was a summer attraction briefly in the late 1970s.

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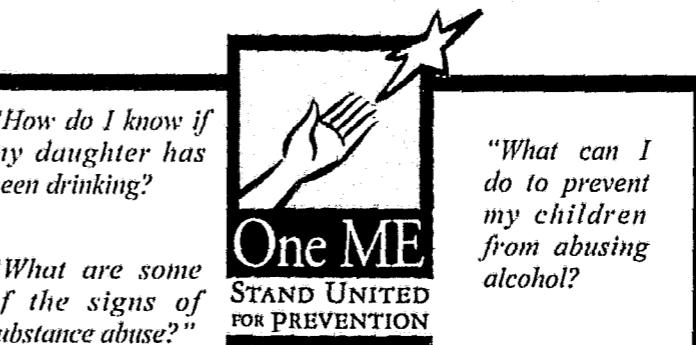
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Bethel

by
Virginia
Keniston
Justin Tibbets, grandson of Hope Tibbets, is at home for two weeks following basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Nancy Brown of Norfolk, Va., is visiting with her mother, Masa Brown, this week.

Wednesday there was a graduation ceremony for certified nursing assistants at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Bryan Wilson was in the class. Congratulations! There is a great demand for CNAs.

The Methodist Ladies had a tea at the church Saturday afternoon. Santa Claus was present for a short visit, as he is very busy.

A Christmas Eve service will be held Wednesday evening at the Methodist Church.

House Church was hosted Sunday evening by Engdahls.

Upton

by
Eleanor
LeComte
Wishing all our readers a Happy Holiday Season.

It definitely is a white Christmas. The morning sky over the lake and the snow is varying shades of rose and pink. Red sky in the morning doesn't apply since it would be quite difficult to row a boat up the lake. The fact is no one is using the lake. It is very dangerous, the thin ice being insulated by the snow cover.

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Last Thursday, Upton was an isolated town. Flooding covered lower Route 26 while East "B" Hill was blocked by two trucks that valiantly tried to take a short cut to Canada and failed. The UPS deliveryman was loaded with packages for Upton and could not deliver them. Barry Swasey, our faithful mailman had a one-day Christmas break. He certainly deserves it. It's been a very rough month, weather wise.

Not everyone wants to go south. Beverly and Patrick Thomas visited with parents, Jim and Evelyn Kenney. (They left Savannah for this?)

Larry and Sue Nelson braved bad roads to Barre, Vt., to visit Tara and Don Murray and little McKenzie to deliver Christmas presents.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Upton Wildlife. The deer are wandering and show signs of hunger. They will have good meals this winter.

Al Gagnon has a visiting fox in his dooryard. I think "sly fox" has his eye on Al's cat, J.J.

The Christmas lights in Upton are very pretty this year. We miss Lucille Largess' brilliant display. I guess she was too busy to restrain them. Pat Kenyon has a candle in every window. It is a warm scene coming into Upton from Errol. The Ladies Aid Building was decorated by Sue Angevine and Simone Lavallee. Yours truly hung the wreath on the school building. The church looks wonderful in the snow, compliments to Sue Nelson and Ginny Williamson. We are ready to celebrate Christmas.

Two large bucks showed up at the birdfeeder. I was fortunate to watch them challenge each other.

lelge each other. It was a mild exchange but the message was received. One buck shook his head in defiance and an antler flew off. It was quite a sight. The antler was quickly retrieved by myself. It's a beauty. (Very thick.)

The "Birds of the Week" are the Doves, who patiently wait for the other "usual" birds to leave.

May you all have a warm, friendly Christmas with friends and family. Best wishes and a safe journey to our servicemen whose hearts are at home.

Hanover

by Clem Worcester

If winter is going to be the way last week was

then we may just as well skip the whole

thing. It all started off with 20 inches of new snow and a day later a rainstorm. Just about like the week before last week. When it was time for it to stop raining, it rained harder. Cellars flooded and the rivers and streams rose. Roads were closed all around the area. Ice jams in the river brought the water to the highest level since the April 1, 1987 flood. Several Hanover residents living in low-lying areas evacuated their homes.

At the Hanover Town Office the parking lot was flooded and water came into the basement causing the office to close Thursday evening. Hanover officials expressed appreciation to Dave Worcester, Brian Worcester, Travis Laughton, Howie McLean, Bruce Powell and Kelly Crockett for their assistance in moving things

out of the Town Office before the flood and setting things back up so the office could reopen on Friday.

Bob and Maryanne Dragoon returned to Howard Pond for the holidays.

Bogey got his. So did Spicey, Kineo, and Honey. Molly got hers, as did Abraham and Riley. What do these fine individuals have in common? They are all dogs whose owners thought enough of them to remember their licenses. Dog licenses are due Dec. 31 — you better hurry.

The Hanover Office of Emergency Management has issued a heavy snow-load warning for area properties. Roofs with little or no pitch may be in danger of collapse. If you are a property owner you are urged to check your roofs before more snow, rain or warm weather arrives.

Happy Holidays.

Mason

by
Richard
Grover
The three
inches of rain
we got last
week on top of
the foot of new

snow left Mason nearly as isolated as Bethel. Our Meadow Brook Road was under about three feet of water, and the "Swamp Road" between Meadow Brook Bridge and the four corners was under water for a distance of several hundred yards. (I don't know the depth). Our only way out was the Grover Hill Road. The last few hours of rain froze on and left all our roads a sheet of ice on Thursday morning, making any travel hazardous until they were sanded, and the sun came out.

Requests for toys can be made up to December 12 at any SAD 44 school office, or mailed to the same address. All requests will be kept confidential.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, I received a phone call from my son, Dean. He was calling from the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver and said he was going to get a new liver in a couple hours if all the tests on the donated organ came out okay. He was thrilled, excited and a little nervous at the prospects of such a dramatic event. I was surprised, shocked and apprehensive at these prospects.

Dean had been on the liver transplant list for nearly seven years, and all this time we had all been hoping new drugs would make a transplant unnecessary. The past few years he has suffered repeated bouts of increasingly serious illnesses brought on by his failing liver. All of



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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

Buying a Christmas tree can be a stressful experience if you are as fussy about such things as I am. Actually, the Christmas tree is the only thing I'm really fussy about.

I know this anal attitude about the perfect tree comes from my childhood of many Charlie Brown type trees. My father didn't share my tree vision and he cut whatever tree he found that was easy to get to on the side of the road. There were no laws against cutting roadside trees back then so he didn't do anything wrong except always picking the wrong tree.

I clearly remember making tons of construction paper chains to attempt to fill in the massive bare spots. Tinsel was a favored gap filler.

Most little kids hate to see the Christmas tree be undecorated and relegated to a snow bank because it is symbolic to the end of the holiday and usually school vacation. I, on the other hand, used to volunteer to remove the decorations soon after the presents were opened on Christmas morning. I wanted nothing more than to remove the pathetic tree from my sight.

As soon as I became an adult I introduced a family tradition of searching for the perfect tree. I have picked out a lot of winners and I have to admit that on more than one occasion I have picked out a loser. Not that I ever picked out a tree that wasn't nice and full, but there have been a few times that I over estimated the height of the ceilings or the width of the door.

Having to trim 50% off the perfect tree that the family spent an hour or more in the freezing cold to select didn't always endear me to my loving clan.

I know the purchase of an artificial tree would end ever having to search again and I would always have a perfect tree. And there would be the added bonus of not finding brown needles months later. But, I'm as fussy about having

a real tree as I am a perfect one. I'm obviously not alone in this requirement because every year the tree lots are crowded with other perfect tree seekers.

I have observed many tired and cold families trudging from tree to tree while the primary picker (usually Mom) demands to see yet another tree. The primary holder (usually Dad) will try holding the tree as straight as possible while the primary picker spends about 10 minutes inspecting it from every possible angle.

This goes on for several trees and the primary holder's patience are wearing as thin as the picker thinks most of the trees are. Meal while the kids, who are cold, tired, hungry and anxious to decorate, are

running around picking out what they perceive as the right tree, usually one that is 12 feet tall and at least 8 feet wide.

The joyousness of the holiday season diminishes a bit as the tree selection tension mounts. If two people happen to be considering the same perfect tree the tension goes up a notch and good will becomes only a Christmas card sentiment.

This year when I was picking out my perfect tree I noticed a woman who spent a considerable amount of time choosing hers. She finally settled on one that I had considered, but dismissed as too short. Her tree was set up against the side of a building while the happy lady went inside to pay for it.

Meanwhile, along comes another family in search of their perfect tree and immediately spotted the lone tree against the building. They apparently needed no time to make a decision and compare

trees as they very quickly snatched that tree and paid one more than the lot attendants. They were in the process of stuffing the tree in the trunk of their car when the first tree purchaser returned to claim it.

Words were exchanged that didn't sound too jolly to me and for a few moments it looked like a Christmas tree war would take place. One lady spent a lot of time in the cold picking it out and someone else took possession of it.

The tree had been paid for by both parties. This was a perfect situation for harsh words and flying evergreen, but the lady yielded to possession being 9/10th of the law and said she would find another tree.

My hat is off to her; it should have been her tree and it could have gotten ugly. She, however, had enough of the season's spirit to say "Take it, I'll find another." I truly hope she found an even better tree. I did hear her mumble something as the other people drove away about hoping the Grinch paid them a visit on Christmas Eve.

I'm sure there have been a lot of unpleasantness in many Christmas tree lots and I'll bet the sales people have a lot of stories to tell. No doubt, I have provided them with a few gems myself when I have had them hold up every single tree they had while I slowly circled it only to say "No, not this one."

In spite of my quest for the perfect tree, I and others would do well to remember that it is only a symbol of the season.

If it is bare in spots or leans a little, so what! It has nothing to do with the bigger picture.

Not all Christmas trees can be perfect nor all Christmases white, but the way I see it, with a good amount of love and family, your tree and your Christmas will turn out just right.

To all my readers I wish a very Merry Christmas and a home filled with the warmth and love of the season now and the whole year through.

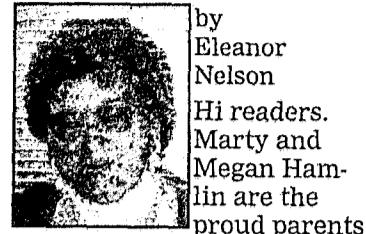
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is feeling good, except from some aches and pains resulting from major surgery. He will have to maintain a rigid regime of twice daily doses of anti-rejection medication and watch his health closely for the rest of his life, but he already looks better than he has in years. I am grateful.

East Stoneham



by
Eleanor
Nelson
Hi readers.
Marty and
Megan Ham-
lin are the
proud parents

of a baby boy, who was born Dec. 11 at the Bridgton Hospital. His name is Dana Thomas and he joins his brother, Kade, and sister, Audra. Welcome little Dana and Merry Christmas.

Well, Service Master has cleaned our carpets today so now we can put up our Christmas tree. I notice and appreciate the nice, pretty lighted tree at the Stoneham Church yard. We do have some good elves here in Stoneham.

What has happened to our Stoneham community tree we used to have? We don't have a community tree anymore. I miss it. At least we don't hear anything about one here in Stoneham. We always used to enjoy going to it and singing Christmas songs and watching the children wait for Santa Claus and the excitement of the evening. Oh well, I suppose things change over the years.

That was quite a snowstorm we got, wasn't it? And then the rain after, which made flooding all over. I'm sure

we'll have a white Christmas this year, won't we? I've seen years past when we wondered about it.

Thelma Dadmun has been at the Bridgton Hospital the past week with pneumonia, but presently is at home.

Frances Grant has been in the Norway Rehab and Living Center, but is at home now but still doctoring with her toe after having it operated on.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

Congratula-
tions to Beth-
any Lobb
and Devin

Benson on

the birth of a baby daughter, Brianna Lynne, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce, who was born at St. Mary's Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Cathy Lobb of Oxford and James Lobb of Auburn. Pater-

nal grandparents are Dorene and Harold Wilbur of South

Woodstock and Roger Benson of West Paris. Great-

grandparents are Clair and Sher-

man Hunt of Lynn, Mass., and Ruth Pulsifer of West Paris.

Great-grandmother is Bertha Hunt.

Much sympathy to the family and friends of Maurice Morgan, who died recently. Maurice was a neighbor of ours and he will be missed by his wife, Phyllis, children and grandchildren.

Also, Louise Newton passed away recently. Louise leaves

a son and daughter, and grandchildren and many friends. Louise graduated with me from Woodstock High School. Much sympathy to everyone.

Our neighbor, Frank Frazier, had a cataract operation this past week, and seems to be getting along fine.

Murrill and Elizabeth Blazier both celebrated their birthdays this month of December.

I came home from the hospital the day after my carotid artery surgery, and have been doing quite well. The doctor told me I could do anything I felt up to. It was good to get it over with so soon. I now have had both the right and left sides done. Many thanks for the cards and calls and food from Joan Poland, Kellie Record and Tommy Poland. I also received a nice bouquet of flowers from Terry Merrill and one from my sister, Evelyn Dunn. I really appreciate everyone's concern.

The Christmas lights on the house, that I can look out of my front window and see, are just beautiful.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Carolyn Dean Sweetser. Carolyn lived here in South Woodstock for the young years of her life, I remember her well. Sympathy to all her children and family.

Florence Watson is now living at the Sarah Frye Home in Auburn. I plan to go see her soon.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with only good things.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that at the December meeting members enjoyed a potluck supper and Christmas party. They were pleased with the meal, the cards and the gifts. He supplied a manger scene for decoration. The January program will feature John Hathaway

speaking on canning jars and bottles. Once again the meeting will be at the Town Hall Conference Room. The curator has put a large bust of Abraham Lincoln on loan at the museum to celebrate our 25th year.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that you know you've reached middle age when your weight-lifting consists of merely standing up."

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt
Services at
the Baptist
Church each
Sunday are
School and

Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5:15 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting.

Thursday at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible time. Looking ahead to Dec. 28, Nathan Driscoll will be speaking at both services as a pastoral candidate.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Earle (Spike) Noyes.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will not meet in January.

At the December meeting of the Historical Society members enjoyed a potluck supper and Christmas party.

Annelia Burnham also recognized supporters of the society. Curator Larry Billings brought a manger scene. The research report was on an old phonograph like the one Mary Billings played at the November meeting. Treasurer Paul Billings noted recent revenues were good.

Meetings are now being held at the Town Hall Conference Room and the January program will feature John Hathaway speaking on canning jars and bottles. He is an expert, so plan to attend. Curator Larry Billings has given a religious print to the Historical Society. He recently brought a video of "The Wizard of Oz."

Local Book Review:

'Snow Waste'

By MICHAEL E. BEMIS

Reviewed by ANDREE KEHN
'Snow Waste,' a whodunit full of intrigue by local author Michael E. Bemis, is set at a fictional ski resort modeled firmly on Sunday River.

The book opens with a lesson taken straight from a mountain-resort orientation, with an emphasis on the latest snowmaking technology. I hadn't been enthralled with this lecture when I had heard it the first time, first hand. Could I endure this rather hefty tome?

The plot then moves quickly to a portrayal of environmentalists as crazed nutcases. Hmm, I pondered, Could I review this book? Better yet, would Bemis be able to sell this story to the Bethel area public?

But Bemis proposes a scheme of evil-doing contrived by a paper mill and ski resort that is revolting and stomach churning, sure to delight anti-establishment viewpoints. I won't give away the premise in this review, but you can guess it from the books title.

The setting is pure Bethel. The town is dubbed Cannon by Bemis but with little effort careful readers will be able to identify area haunts. Rural life in our village is described perfectly, complete with out-of-towners getting stuck in snowbanks, wood boxes being filled and corner-store counters getting chatted up.

The first 100 pages meander towards action, setting the scene and introducing folks: Joe, the snowmaking chief; Warren, the ski resort owner; Doug, the environmentalist; Victor, the CEO of the paper mill; and a supporting cast of colorful locals. When the plot finally launches into action, the characters either reside in camps of virtuosity or camps utterly devoid of morality.

Linking old timers, long time residents and recent transplants, Bemis gives each character his/her unique voice and part to play in this environmental mystery. "Snow Waste" closes with just the right touch of cynicism to please this jaded armchair radical reviewer.

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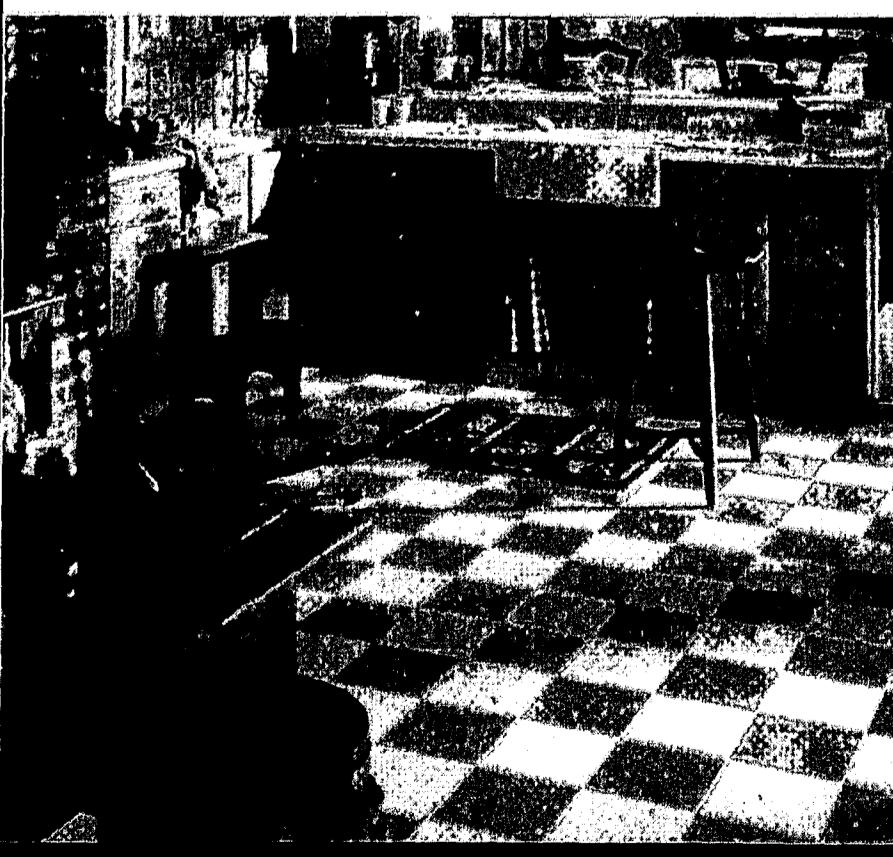
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thing to eat. I opened the door to throw them some corn but scared them away. One would have been just right for Christmas dinner. I did scatter corn up back for them. I do have a large store bought turkey in the freezer that should be plenty for all five of my six "children" and their families will be here.

Kyle had supper with his father, Ken Lamb, Thursday evening.

Myrtle Cadinelli and I were in Bridgton to shop at Renys this week. We had lunch out, too. My shopping is about done. Now to wrap the last few gifts and all will be ready for the big day.

A new carpet was put down in the mud/laundry room. It is mint but looks mostly gray. It brightens up the dark paneled room and shouldn't show the track in too much.

Buffy received his gift of a basket with a mattress early and has it well broken in. There might be a catnip mouse and some special cat food under the tree for him. He will probably spend Christmas day in his bed with the crowd around.

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas

On Friday night, Dec. 12, we held a Diane Muse concert at the West Paris

Baptist Church, followed by a buffet lunch down in the dining room. What a voice Diane has. She did my favorite called "Stained Glass Windows," truly a beautiful Christian song. We always look forward to Diane's concerts.

Saturday saw 19 of us up at Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond for a ham dinner, followed by our Christmas party. Alexandra Risko, our overseer, Olive Risko's granddaughter, came and danced for us. She takes dance lessons up in Bethel. She really is good.

On Sunday afternoon, we put on the production of our Christmas Cantata at the West Paris Baptist Church. There were 18 people from seven churches who sang. Mrs. Maurise Veatch was our pianist and our director was Mrs. Mary Standard. There was a good crowd in attendance, and a buffet lunch was

enjoyed again down in the dining room.

Remember — Jesus is the reason for the season.

The Christmas Eve services at West Paris will be as follows: Mission Congregational Church, 5:30 p.m.; West Paris Universalist-Unitarian, 6 p.m. with Deb Irons performing a prayer dance; the West Paris Baptist Church will hold their service at 7 p.m. You could go to one or all of these services, and enjoy a real variety of music and services. Merry Christmas to all of you and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

As we receive more and more snow, sleet and freezing rain, be sure to drive prudently and the life you save may be your own and those of people you love.

Greenwood City



by Rena Curtis

Another week and our weather hasn't changed much. Don't care much for the freezing rain. Keeps the road crews busy.

Saturday, Brad Payne and friend Jack went to Portland Christmas shopping.

Sunday, Ann Holt went down and had dinner with her Aunt Colista at the nursing home at their annual dinner party.

Dale and Marsha Mills of North Haven visited their Aunt Colista one day.

Albert and Marie Curtis entertained her family (The Braggs). They had a large dinner and then they had their tree. Those present were Tom and Iva Bragg, Christopher and Peggy Bragg and three children, Robert and Jenny Clark and two children all from Sumner, Edison and Rose Henderson and several grandchildren of Hartford, Helen Jordan of Mexico, her daughter, Tammy, and son, Frank and Shelly Bragg of West Paris, Akayla, Fecilia, William, Albert III, Bonnie Whitman and children, Jason and Spenser. They had a good time. I was down with them. Santa came and gave out gifts to the children. They enjoyed that; then they gave out the gifts from the tree.

Quote of the week: "Kindness is the lubricant poured on the friction of life." That's it for this week. Have a safe and Merry Christmas and enjoy your gatherings.

It has been very quiet here in Albany Township, so, we will end for now. We wish

Albany



by Dana & Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. The weather reports are

that we will have a white Christmas this year (not the sand and snow brown that's currently out there). We hope that everyone has their Christmas shopping done, trees decorated, stockings hung, and wonderful plans to spend time with their families and friends. We are looking forward to spending a nice, quiet day with our family.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Faith Waterman fund. You may recall we wrote a column a few weeks ago about a little unborn girl that we are calling Faith who was diagnosed with CHAOS, which is basically an obstruction that prevents her from being able to expel amniotic fluids and the such from her lungs. Well, your prayers have been heard. A recent examination revealed that Faith has a small opening that is allowing much of the fluid to flow from her body. There is also a very good chance that her mother may not have to have the six weeks of bed rest as previously thought. For this young family, it is indeed a blessing and relieves much of the burden they were already feeling, and they and their families greatly appreciate everyone's prayers, well wishes, and contributions to the fund. Although this little one is not out of danger yet, this is very good news indeed. Again, thank you.

Lorene and Ralph Mills are spending the weekend in Vermont. Every year Ralph has helped one family set up their tree and decorate it and the family wanted him not to break tradition so he promised he would return and help them as usual. He, no doubt, told me their names but I have forgotten which one. I know he and Lorene are staying with Dale and Ellie Pontius in

everyone a blessed Christmas and New Year.

God Bless and Keep.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

It being the holiday season and, to add to it, the storms we have had

, my mind has seemed to go on hold. Suffice to say that I forgot all about getting any news in last week. My apologies to those who looked but could not find any. I am not even sure at this point if I even knew of any.

The Greenwood Fire Department Christmas supper had to be postponed, along with pretty much all of the events scheduled for Saturday and Sunday of last week. It has been a long time since I saw a storm like that one. And, to add insult to injury, the rain following washed away a good deal of it. I know it was a good thing to get the roofs shoveled off, and, no doubt, the paths, but somehow it seemed as if a lot of snow was moved for nothing since it disappeared with the rain. Now the forecast says another Nor'easter is coming in Monday. I hope this is not setting up a pattern for the whole winter. If it is, it certainly will be a long one and winters seem long enough as it is.

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Essex Junction but whether it is they I do not know. I do know that I have had many a reason to be grateful to them for the way they looked out after Ralph all those years he lived alone in Vermont. Friends like those two are rare breeds. And if that sentence sounds as weird to you as it does to me, you will have to take it up with the grammar correction that comes with the computer. I had friends like that are a rare breed' and it doesn't like it.

Ralph and Lorene, by the way, did make it back Sunday just before the snow came in. They said they had a good time but the long trip does a number on Lorene's back so it sort of takes the fun out of everything.

I, on the other hand, did not have much fun at all, missing three get-to-gathers scheduled for the weekend, by my own stupidity, which makes it all the worse because it could have been avoided. I had to climb the bank to get out of the car when I came back from the store, Friday evening, and forgot to look behind me to make sure the car door was closed. Well, it wasn't, so when I got in to go to Leslie Aron's Saturday afternoon, I had no battery power. I found out too late to call anyone so I just stayed home all weekend. I did not think of the Fire Department's supper until it was too late to make anything, so I stayed home from that one, too. Unfortunately Jane Poulin came down with a virus that canceled her neighborhood party. It has not been a great season so far!

And, to look at this house, one would not know it is the Christmas season at all. Ralph had to take the lights on.

I am glad 'Jesus is the reason for the season' otherwise I would not find much reason to celebrate the way things keep getting in the way. I have a great many reasons to be thankful this season, two of them being Ralph and Lorene, so I shouldn't feel as frustrated as I do, but these storms are getting to me, I guess.

Actually, I guess what gets to me is that I cannot do so many things I used to, and that has been the cry (silent or expressed) of those getting up in years since man was subject to the fall, unless, of course, one is fortunate to have great genes. At least that was the answer my doctor had for me when I broached the subject to him. I am not so sure as it is the complete answer.

I have a sneaking feeling that good exercise and eating habits have a lot to do with it, and, I do not use good judgment always in those departments. Andy used to say it was because I had no comprehension of time. I thought he was wrong but I am beginning to think he was actually right, as I find myself having not eaten lunch or having taken the medication I am supposed to take with the lunch, four hours after I should have done so.

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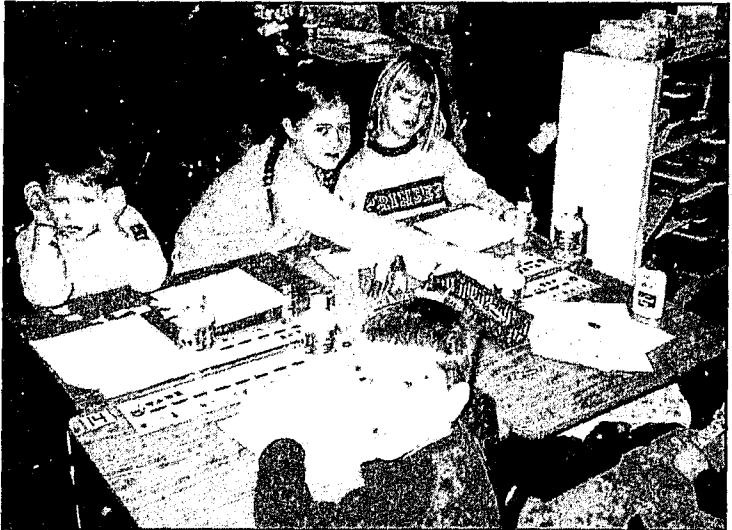
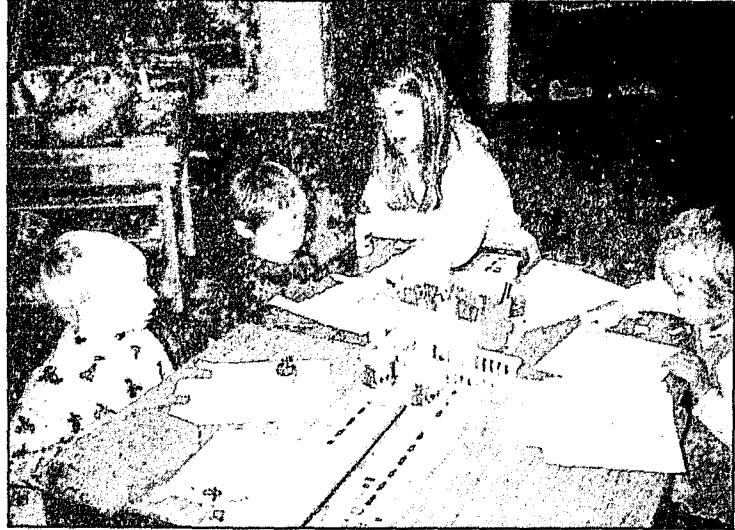
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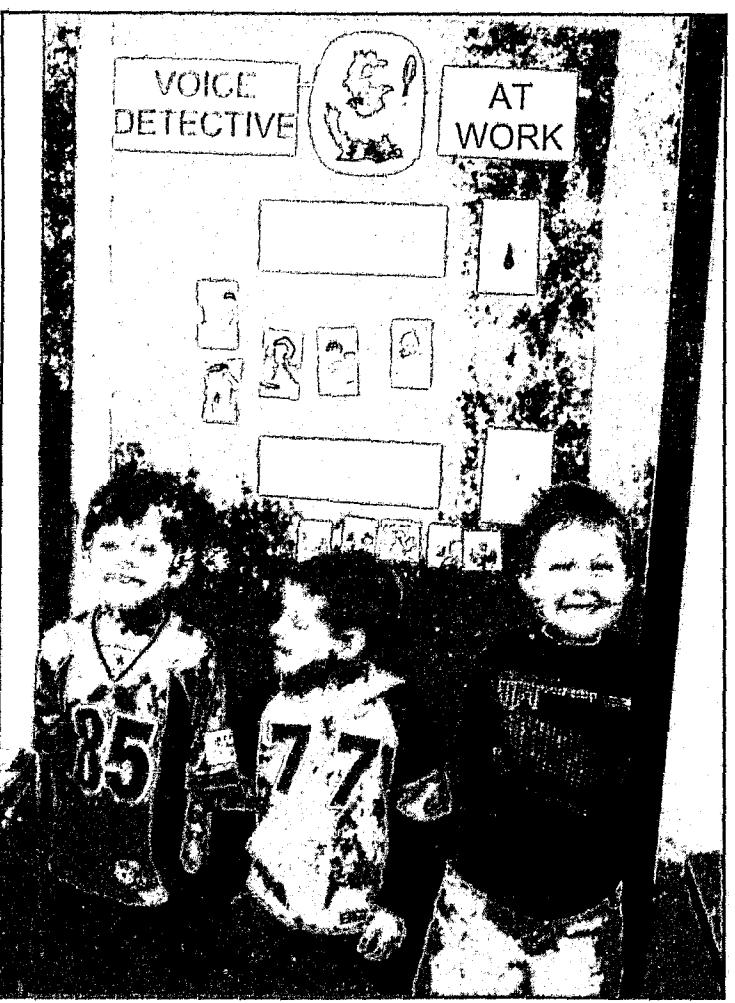


Rebecca Howard and Maggie Bergeron, kindergartners in Mrs. Sabin's classroom at CPS, enjoy sharing stories during literacy time. They are retelling a few events from their favorite Magic Tree House Books.

Kindergarten student Dakota Merrill works on a craft for the CPS craft fair with assistance from fifth grader, Megan Costello. The students raise money for special events that take place throughout the year.

Students in Mrs. Sabin's kindergarten classroom recently collaborated in an effort to name all 50 states from a blank map of the United States. They were successful after just 13 attempts. Pictured above are kindergartners Robert Crockett, Carla Boyle-Wight, and Andrew Siegel preparing for a class celebration.

Woodstock Elementary School News



Students in Deb Berman's speech and language classes at Woodstock School and Crescent Park School are becoming "voice detectives." They have been learning about the difference between using healthy and unhealthy voices. The students learned that unhealthy voices, such as yelling on the playground, using a loud voice when they talk in class, trying to talk in noisy places, and too much crying sometimes cause "bumps" on the vocal folds in the voicebox. Sometimes this vocal abuse needs to be treated medically because some children develop chronic hoarseness from using an unhealthy voice too often. The students brainstormed alternatives to yelling, such as walking over to the person on the playground to say hello, raising their hands in class instead of shouting out answers, and turning down the radio when they want to talk to each other. These voice detectives are teaching other students in their schools to use healthy voices too.

Pyramid Pete visiting the WES students at lunch.

Seventh Grade Poetry Corner

When I was a Baby

When I was a baby
I was so cool.
I want to go back to the past.
I liked being a baby
No school,
Stayed home
With nothing to do.

By Abby Jones, Grade 7 TMS

A Walk in the Woods

I was walking in the woods
It started to get cold.
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And got lost
In that deep dark wood.
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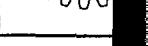
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supper many evenings. He has a better sense of time than I do.

The office assistant is getting very bored with my column. He does get in a lot of funny poses, especially if I spend too many minutes typing. He's also smarter than I am and I should listen to him. I know that sentence is true because he went from this bored squat to an upright position with this smug look on his face!

Ricky McLean spent the day here on Wednesday. It is funny to see my cats run for the bedroom and under the bed the minute he shows up. It is not because he is mean to them because he tries very hard to be gentle but his little body radiates energy that my cats seem to find intimidating. Of course, they are not used to small children, either. Ricky gets a bit upset because we so often laugh when he says cute things and he thinks we are laughing at him and it is difficult to explain the difference to him. Then he tells us he can't understand because he's 'just a little kid.' But he doesn't like it if we call him that! He has made up his mind though that he will stay four his next birthday because he doesn't want to be old enough to go to school. I think he figures it will be too much

like work. And that's not far from the truth, actually. I remember many times when I thought it was very hard to learn all that stuff and I liked school.

Today is Wednesday and we are having another rainstorm. I just got news that there is water in the new garage of Debbie and Owen Brown's. They are getting very discouraged because this is the second time many of their stored possessions have gotten soaked.

I tried to bolster Debbie's flagging spirits by telling her that she really can't go by what has happened this winter. Chances are that this winter won't be repeated for another 30 years or so. But it is very disgusting to have your first winter in a new place like this one has been.

Ralph did get a string of lights on the tree outside but he was only able to decorate the lower third of it as he was trying to put them up in the rain and wind. It will take a stepladder to reach the higher parts as that tree has grown so much the past couple of years. I probably ought to think of planting another small one that can take its place in a few years, if I can find a suitable place, that is.

I finally did get to a couple

of Christmas celebrations. One of the celebrations was on Saturday when Lorene and Ralph and I joined Mandy, Matt, and Ricky, Calla Tyler, Preston Cobb, and Laura Hutchins and went to Lorene's brother and wife's, Greg and Frances Adams, home in Sweden to join other members of the family in a Christmas dinner, which was very good. Ricky proved that even a young man can have an eye for the ladies as he latched onto Lorene's niece, Karen, and made sure he always knew where the "pretty lady" was. We almost were late as Laura's van had a flat tire just before the brewing company's building on the way down to pick us up, but she got some help when Blake McKay and Rachel stopped and took her to Bethel, and then Matt, Ralph and Preston were able to get the spare on and we took off.

Sunday evening, I went to the Nazarene Church and enjoyed a couple of mini-cantatas, one by the Sunday School children which must have taken many hours of practice, and the other by the teens of the Bethel Church and the Norway church, aided and abetted by a few of the young adults of the Bethel Church. Both were very good and we all enjoyed refreshments after.

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The Bethel Historical Society's 6th annual New Year's Bethel will be held Wednesday, Dec. 31, in Bethel beginning at 4 p.m. with a Watch Night Ecumenical Service at the Congregational Church, a 6 p.m. Lighted Vehicle Parade, Children's Parade, and five venues from 7 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	70s Show	WWE SmackDown!		News	Blind Date	5th Wheel				
(32) "Three Days" Cont'd		Movie: "Picking Up and Dropping Off"		Santa Is Coming to Town	700 Club					
(6) News	Seinfeld	Friends	Morgan	Will-Grace	Scrubs	ER	News			
(3) NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Kings	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers						News			
(10) News-Lehrer	Old House	Made In	Barra MacNeils' Cmas	Raleigh Ringers: One	Charlie Rose					
(22) NFL Great	Gameday	College Football: Sheraton Hawaii Bowl - Hawaii vs. Houston					SportsCrt.			
(34) Movie: "The World Is Not Enough" Cont'd		Movie: "The Living Daylights"								
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Cold Case	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace		News				
(41) Tailgate	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15) "Mission: Impossible"	Inside the NFL	Movie: "Mr. Deeds"		First Look	Hot! Hot! Hot! The Best					
(17) Kim	Lizzie	Movie: "It Nearly Wasn't Christmas"		So Raven	Boy World	Kim	Proud			
(18) Sister Act 2: Back	Movie: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"			Movie						
(20) ESPNews	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN				
(44) Movie: "Clara's Heart" Cont'd		Movie: "Homecoming"		Golden	Golden					
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "A Few Good Men"				Movie: "Pleasantville"				
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby		
(25) "The Undefeated" Cont'd	Movie: "The Searchers"					Movie: "Hombre"				
(26) "Billy Madison" Cont'd	Movie: "The Waterboy"					Movie: "Happy Gilmore"				
(27) "Young Guns" Cont'd	Movie: "Columbo: A Bird in the Hand"					Movie: "Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot"				
(12) Becker	Home Imp.	Movie: "Sister Act"		News	Becker	Will-Grace				
(39) Christmas		Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight					

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	70s Show	Children's Hospital	Jake 2.0	News	Blind Date	5th Wheel				
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Coming to America"		Whose?	700 Club					
(6) News	Seinfeld	Dateline NBC	Movie: "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective"		News					
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lopez	Married	Hope	Life-Bonnie	20/20	News			
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Maine	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Fawlty T.	Wall	Now With Bill Moyers			
(22) College Football: Motor City Bowl	College Football: Insight Bowl - California vs. Virginia Tech									
(34) Movie: "The Living Daylights" Cont'd		Movie: "Diamonds Are Forever"								
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Joan of Arcadia	Kennedy Center Honors: Celebration of Performing	News						
(41) Sports	Football	Best Damn Sports Show	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Phoenix Suns		Postgame					
(15) Inside the NFL		Movie: "Collateral Damage"		Movie: "True Lies"						
(17) So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Inspector Gadget"	Movie: "Inspector Gadget"	Kim	Proud					
(18) "Doc Hollywood" Cont'd	Movie: "Queen of the Damned"		Movie: "The Fugitive"							
(20) Outdoors	Outdoors	NE Journal	Camo Cnt	Go Boating	Divers	Wild World of Winter	ESPN			
(44) Movie: "A Crime of Passion"		Movie: "The Familiar Stranger"		Merge						
(5) "Lethal Weapon 4"	Movie: "Payback"		Movie: "Lethal Weapon"							
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Rugrats	Neutron	ChalkZone	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby		
(25) "The Searchers" Cont'd	Movie: "The Day the Earth Stood Still"		Movie: "An American Werewolf in Paris"							
(26) Law & Order	Movie: "Cruel Intentions"		Monk		Law & Order					
(27) Murder She Wrote	Biography		History of God							
(12) Becker	Home Imp.	Movie: "Diabolique"	News	Becker	Will-Grace					
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight						

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Children's Hospital	Movie: "Canadian Bacon"		News	Sanders	Walker, Texas Ranger					
(32) "Coming to America"	Movie: "Fletch Lives"		Movie: "The Natural"							
(6) Maine	Seinfeld	Boontown	Boontown		News	Sat. Night				
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Sound of Music"								
(10) Made In	What's for	Living Edens: A Special	Info-Blizzard	Life on Air David	Red Green	Red Green				
(22) Boxing	Calendar	NFL	NFL Football	Philadelphia Eagles at Washington Redskins		SportsCrt.				
(34) Movie: "Octopussy"			WWE Velocity		WWE Confidential					
(13) News	Movie: "Wild Wild West"		District	News	Ent. Tonight					
(41) Spruce Meadows	Beyond the Glory	Boxing	Sunday	Best Damn Sports Show	Beyond the Glory					
(15) Two Weeks	Movie: "Strictly Business"		Movie: "National Security"		Cathouse 2	Formula 51				
(17) So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Full Court Miracle"		Sister, Sis	Lizzie	Kim	Proud			
(18) "The Substitute" Cont'd	Movie: "Lipstick Stands Still"		On Set	Movie: "Antwone Fisher"						
(20) Pregame	NHL Hockey	Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning		Overtime	Breakaway	ESPN				
(44) Movie: "A Vision of Murder"	The Story of Dr. Seuss	Movie: "The Trophy Wife's Secret"		Any Day Now						
(5) Movie: "Bad Boys"		Movie: "Gone in Sixty Seconds"		Fire Birds						
(24) Neutron	Oddparents	Grown Up	All That	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby			
(28) Movie: "Shane" Cont'd	Movie: "High Plains Drifter"		Movie: "Joe Kidd"							
(26) Law & Order	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law Order CI					
(27) City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files	American Justice	Crossing Jordan						
(12) Fresh Pr	Fresh Pr	NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls		News	Midnight					
(39) Capital Gang	CNN Presents	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Presents						

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30

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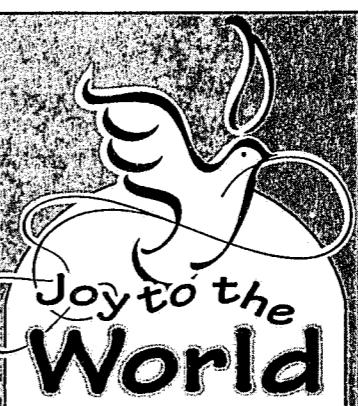


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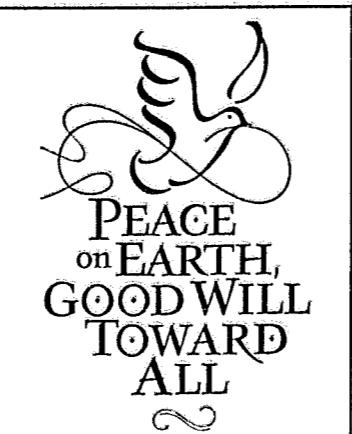
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Schedule: MONDAY, Dec. 29

Game #	Dark Uniforms	Light Uniforms	Time
1.	St. Doms Girls	vs. Cheverus Girls	3:00
2.	Sacopee Valley Boys	vs. Buckfield Boys	4:30
3.	Buckfield Girls	vs. Telstar Girls	6:00
4.	Pine Tree Boys	vs. Telstar Boys	7:30

TUESDAY, Dec. 30

Game #	Dark Uniforms	Light Uniforms	Time
5.	Loser Game 1	vs. Loser Game 3	3:00
6.	Loser Game 2	vs. Loser Game 4	4:30
7.	Winner Game 1	vs. Winner Game 3*	6:00
8.	Winner Game 2	vs. Winner Game 4*	7:30

*Trophies will be awarded after Championship Games

The cost for admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. The admission is for the entire day of games.

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School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 97, Winthrop 71; Dec. 22—Telstar's Sean Caddigan had 33 points in a win over Winthrop. Other scorers: Kevin Zinchuk (15), Terry Collins (16), Ryan Savage (6), August Reiss (5), Stephen McDonnell (5), Josh Longway (2), Kurt Wight (6), Bill Mitchell (9).

Telstar 65, Monmouth 63; Dec. 20—Telstar scorers: Josh Longway 15, Sean Caddigan 12, Ryan Savage 12, Bill Mitchell 7, Kevin Zinchuk 7, Terry Collins 6, Alex Best 3, Kurt Wight 3. In their second game in two days, the Rebels defeated a scrappy Monmouth team in MVC action to improve to 4-1 on the season. — coach Alec Newell

Telstar 61, Boothbay 53; Dec. 19—Telstar scorers: Sean Caddigan 20, Ryan Savage 13, Josh Longway 12, Kevin Zinchuk 4, Alex Best 4, August Reiss 3, Kurt Wight 2, Terry Collins 2, Bill Mitchell 1. Telstar pulled away from a tough Boothbay team in the second half to improve their record to 3-1. "We hit our free throws in the fourth quarter which was the key to the win." — coach Alec Newell

Gould 52, Elan 32; Dec. 18—Gould made a strong showing against Elan, beating them by 20 points. High scorers for Gould were Karl Olson with 15 points, and Whitney Stowell, 14.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Gould 39, Elan 16; Dec. 18—Gould broke its two-game losing streak by beating Elan soundly. Every player scored at least one field goal, thanks to the great passing of captain Heather Kelleher and junior guard Whitney Bliss. Kelleher was also the leading scorer for the game with 13 points, while freshmen Suzi Jump was close behind with eight. The team's defense was in top form while holding Elan to only two points in the first half.

Snowboarding

Dec. 13-14—The High Rollers Series opened its season with a snowboarding event at Sunday River. The course consisted of a choice of 2 jumps, followed by a choice of 2 rails. The competitors were divided into Pros and Amateurs, and mens and womens groups. Although it was brutally cold, the Gould/Sunday River team did tremendously well. Collin Boyd placed fourth in the Amateur Division, and Morgan Rudd placed second in the Pro Division.

Events

Public Access — Hours SAD44 Adult Center, Philbrook Bethel are: Monday, Wednesday, 9 to 1; Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m. for instruction and preparation, as well of the computer lab.

Seniors Lunch Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Methodist Church, Street, sponsored SeniorsPlus. Donations \$6 and older and \$2.50; all other guests. Reservations important. For information, call 3168 (also the number to apply for Mobility Wheels).

9 a.m. (Friday) — Oxford Hills Du Bridge at Fare Food Coop, 443 Street, Norway. All players invited to and bring a friend. Refreshments. For information, call Bell (743-8081) or Palmer (743-2882) or bridge@megalink.net

Tuesdays, 12 to 2 p.m. — Watercolor class, Red Dress Shop, Bethel. Call 759-1895 (toll free).

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Service at West Paris: 5:30 p.m. Mission Congregational Church; 6 p.m., West Paris Universalist-Unitarian Church with Debi performing a prayer. 7 p.m. West Paris First Church service.

Friday, Dec. 26

7 p.m. (sign-up at 6 p.m.) — Bill Shima Bridgton songwriter will play at the Norway Coffee Open Mic night at Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, Norway. Admission

Support

ABUSED WOMEN AWAP serves all of Oxford County and support groups weekly. 24 hour hotline 1-800-743-5088; ALCOHOL Gateway Recovery Services Family Health Center, Monday

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Rape Education and Crisis Line, same number. Support group for rape victims.

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Whitman Memorial Library, 1:30-5pm; Wednesday

West Paris Library, 1:30-7pm; Friday 1:30-5pm; Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, 10-12 through July and August.

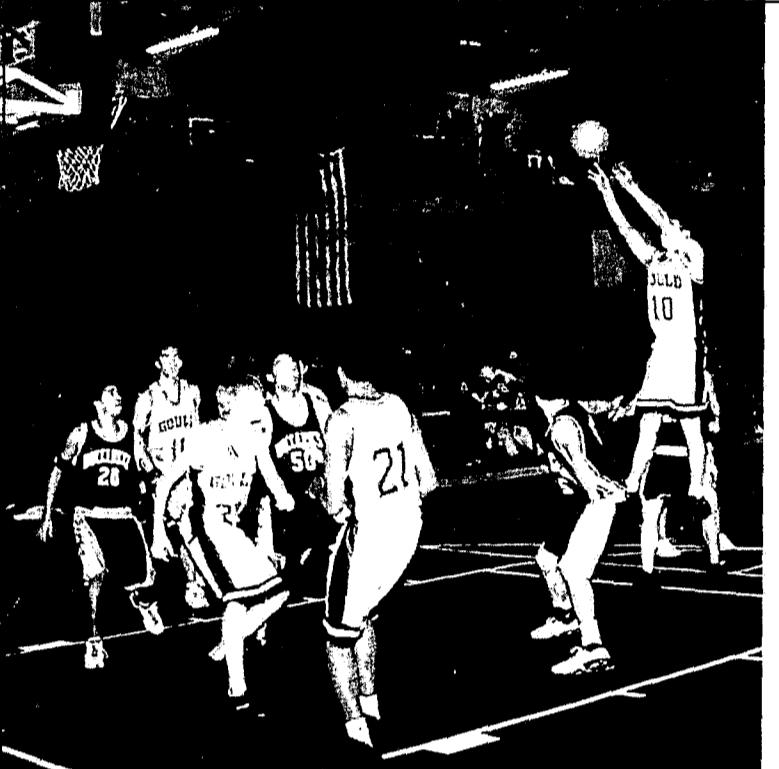
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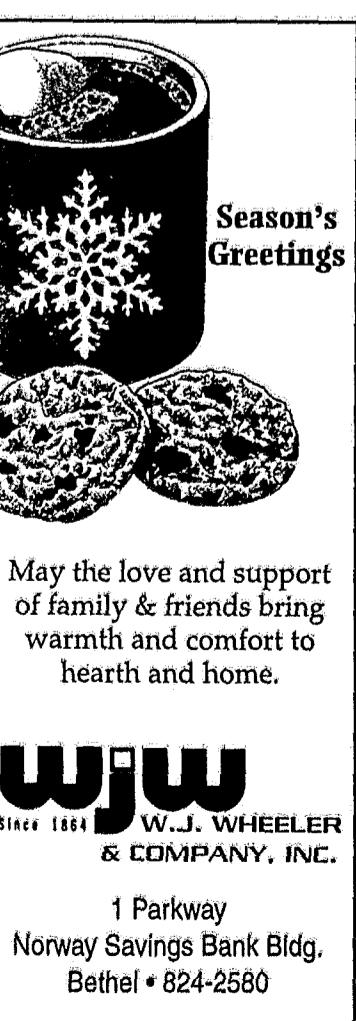
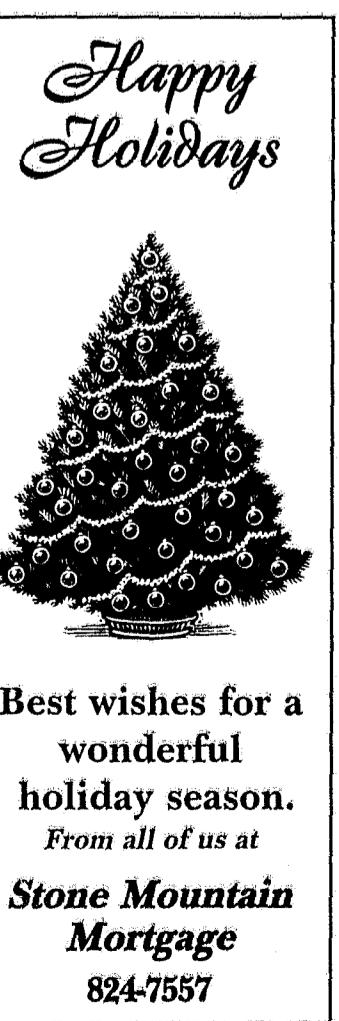
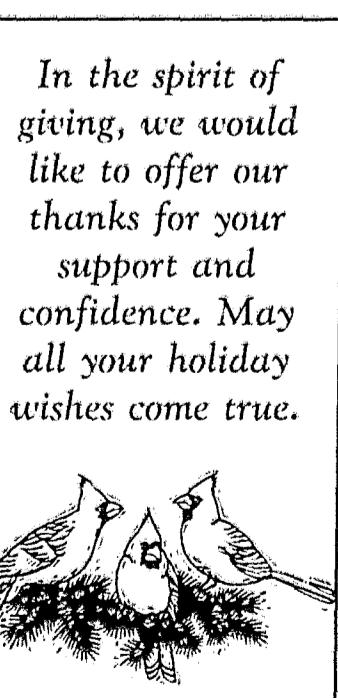
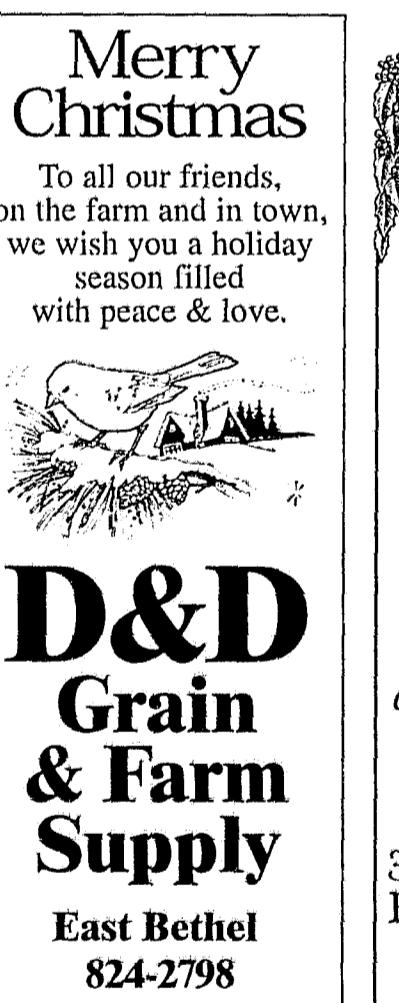
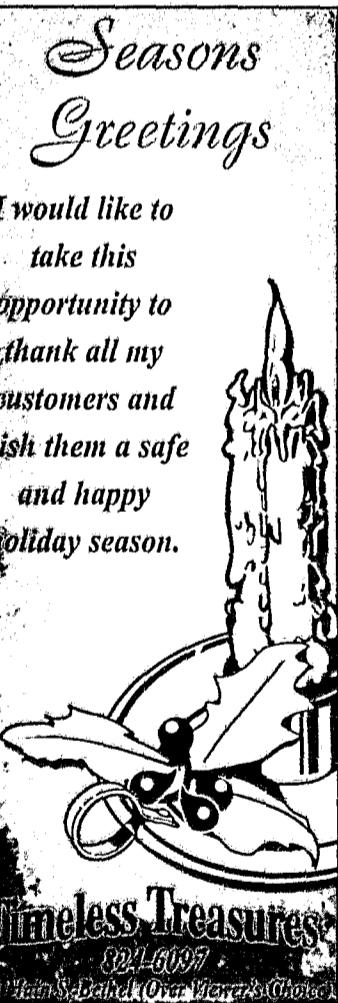
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HIGH SCORERS
Gould Academy's Karl Olson (far left) takes a shot during a game against Elan last week. Olson scored 15 points, tops for Gould, as the Huskies won, 52-32. On Friday night, Telstar's Sean Caddigan (in white) scored 20 points to lead the Rebels to a win over Boothbay. (Photos by John Nesbitt, Alison Aloisio)

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Events Calendar

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Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

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Friday, Dec. 26

7 p.m. (sign-up at 6:30 p.m.) — Bill Shimamura, Bridgton singer-songwriter will perform at the Norway Coffeehouse Open Mic night at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Street, Norway. Admission: \$3.

FMI: call Heather at 935-4505.

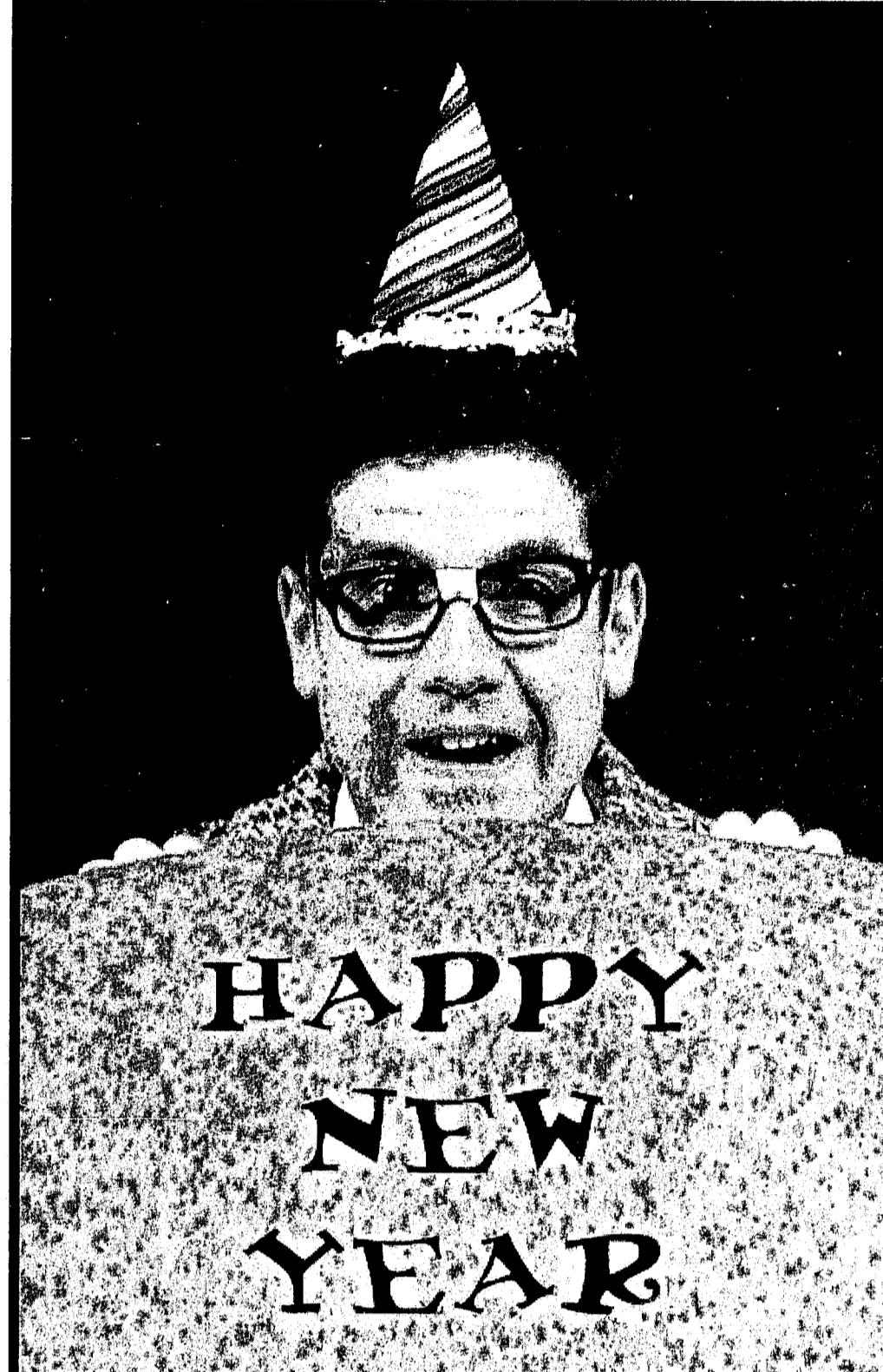
Saturday, Dec. 27 7 p.m. — Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series presents: The Gizmo Guys, Comedy Juggling at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: students, \$4 advance/\$6 at door, adults, \$6 advance/\$8 at door. For tickets and information, call 824-3575.

Tuesday, Dec. 30 2 p.m. — Bethel Stamp Club will meet at the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Bethel starts at 4 p.m. with a Watch Night Ecumenical Service at West Parish Congregational Church. 6 p.m. Lighted Vehicle Parade. Five venues from 7 to 11:45 p.m. New Year's countdown, horse and wagon rides, marshmallow roasting, fireworks. FMI: call 824-2908.

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. — **New Year's Eve Dance** at Locke Mills Town Hall. Buffet at 9:45 p.m. Music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Tickets: \$8.50 each or \$16 per couple.



Wednesday, Dec. 24

free 1st Experience Learn to Ski or Ride clinic for ages 15 and above with registration required, and 50 percent off food at resort food courts.

Friday, Jan. 2

7 to 9 p.m. — The Commons Art Collective opening reception of retrospective show of photographic work by Alan Day at Fare Share Commons, 447 Main Street, Norway. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 31. FMI: 743-0165.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

6 p.m. — StepFast to Goal (Giving Over

Appetite to the Lord) will meet weekly for 12 weeks at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. Registration fee: \$25 or \$60 for family of three or more includes seminar materials, recipes and samples. FMI: call Tia at 539-4108.

Thursday, Jan. 8

7:30 p.m. — Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series presents: Cherish the Ladies, Traditional Irish Music at Bingham Hall, Church Street. Tickets on sale at door: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students. FMI: 824-3875.

Friday, Jan. 9

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Sunday, Jan. 18

1 p.m. — Basket Bingo at Jackson-Silver Friends." An evening of theater, music, dance at The Forum of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Free and open to the public. Donations box set up. Chem-free.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/dinner at The Sudbury Inn, Main Street, Bethel. Cost: \$7.50.

Sunday, Feb. 15

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Oxford County ARC 29th annual Ride-In 2004 sponsored by Northern Oxford County Snowmobile and local service clubs. Raffle drawing at 12:30 p.m. FMI: call 364-4561 for place, etc.

Support Services Church Services

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AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT

Gateway Recovery Services - Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm; Wednesday 3-7pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Tout at 836-2900.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-9pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9:12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Wednesday 9:12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome).

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 1-4:30pm; Wednesday 6-8pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday & Friday 1-5pm; Saturday, 9-1pm. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm to the public.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9pm. Tel: 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesdays 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August.

Upton Library: Saturdays 9-11am

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Wednesdays at the church.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Tuesday-Sunday School 3:45-5 for children through grade 5. Produce donated to hungry families. All are welcome. Wednesday, choir practice at 6:30. All are welcome.

Calvary Bible Church

- Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.; morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m., Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church. 10 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

WEST PARIS BAPTIST

West Parish Congregational - Rev. John Johnson. 10:30 a.m. worship. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-8860.

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

- 10:30 a.m. first four Saturdays of each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact George Weber, 892-0779.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish - North Waterford Congregational Church & Stoneham Congregational Church - Sunday worship services 10 a.m. at North Waterford (through the winter). Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Rev. George Frobog.

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Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI: 603-466-2851.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison, Maine. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m.. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Rev. Michael Johnson. Worship will be held at 10 a.m.

NEWRY

Newry Community Church - Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. Services in the church will resume in April.

NORWAY/PARIS

Christian Science Society - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m.. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Route 17N, S. Paris. Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation

- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

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- Sunday worship service 10:30 a.m.. Children's program, 9:40 a.m.. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church

- 35 Paris St., Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris

- On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m.. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.. Coffee hour will follow the service. Fellowship lunch will be held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

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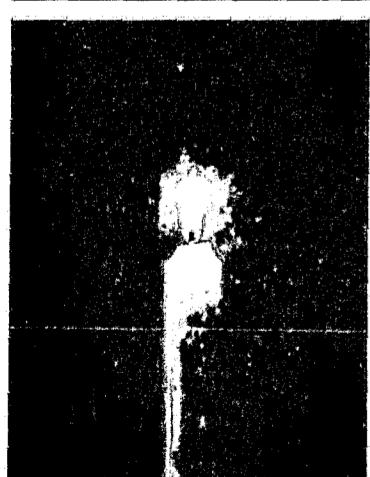
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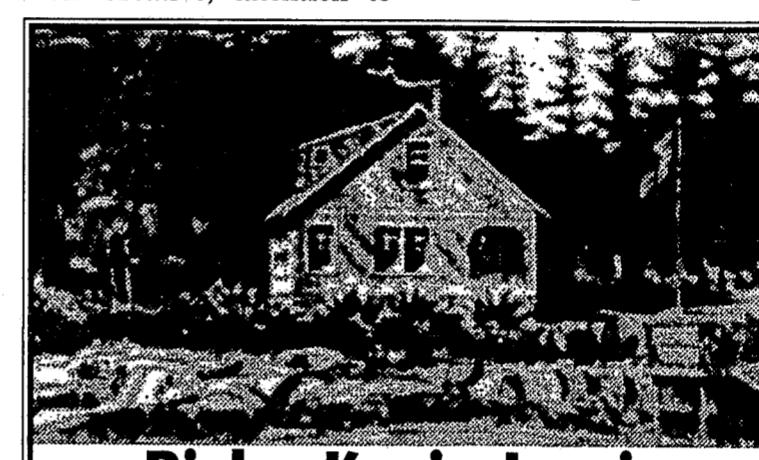
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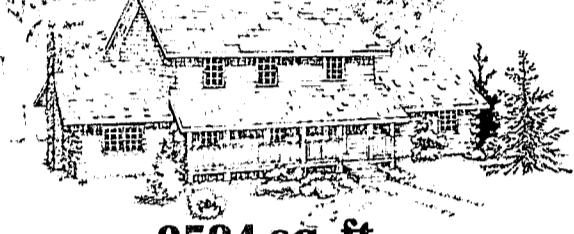
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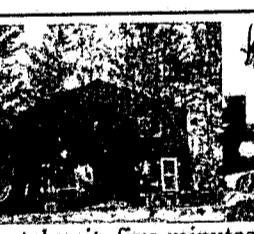
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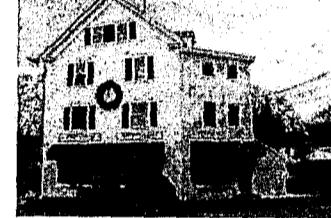
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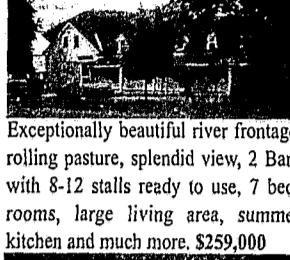
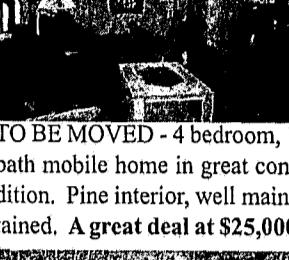
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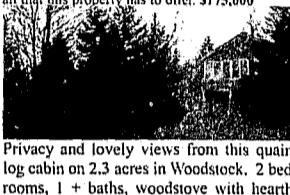
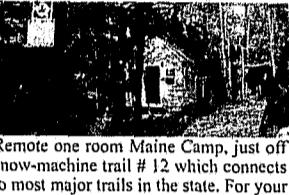
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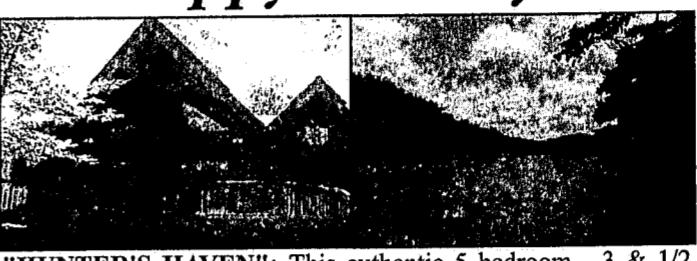
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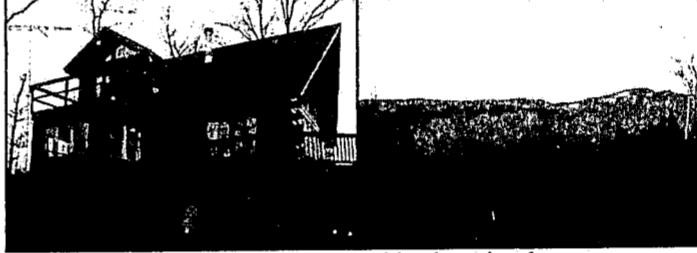
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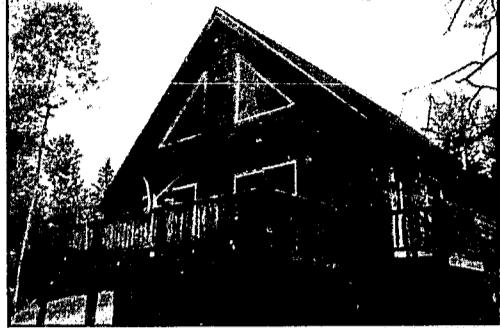
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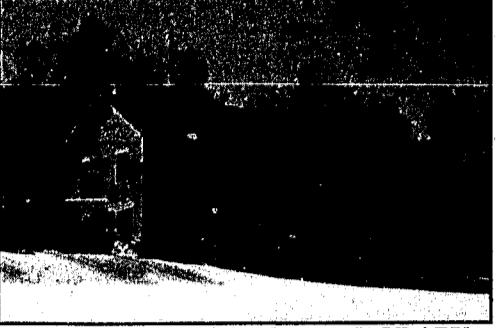
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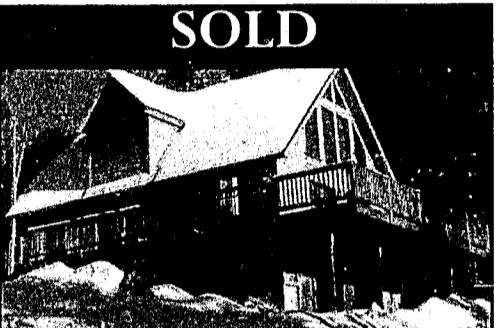
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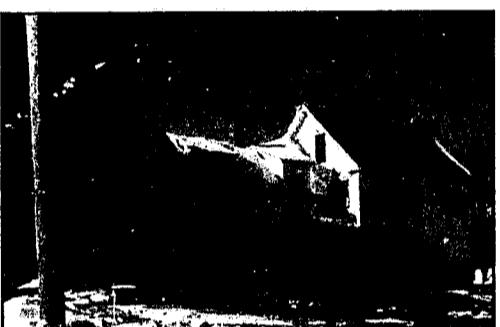
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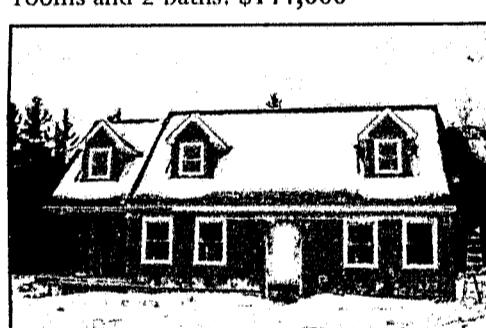
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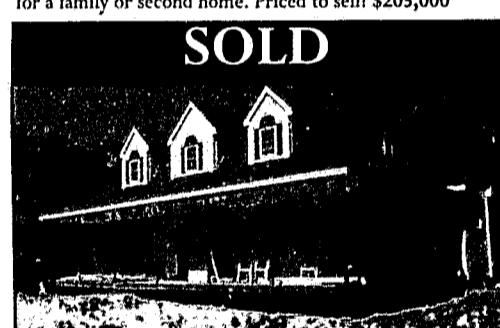
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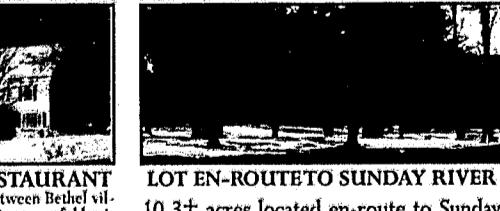
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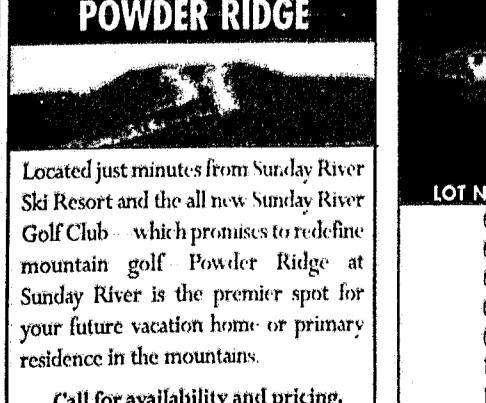
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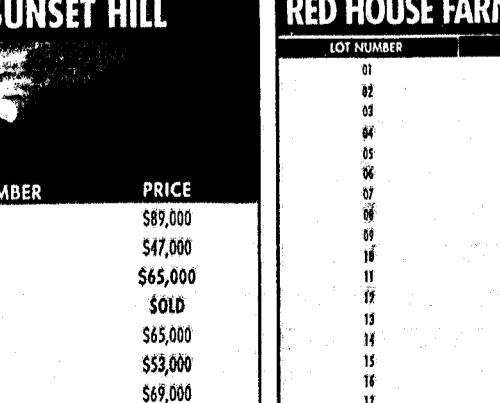
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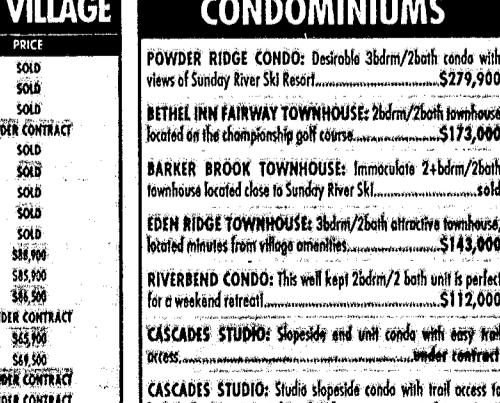
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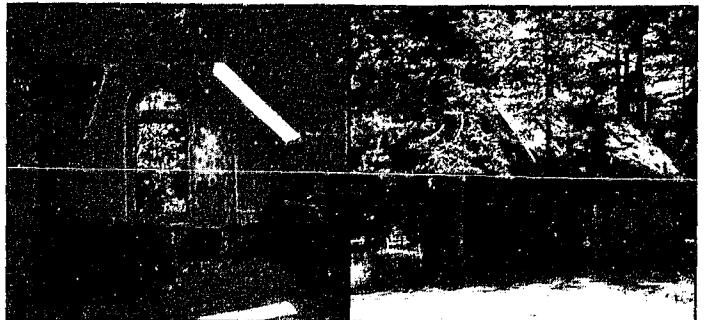
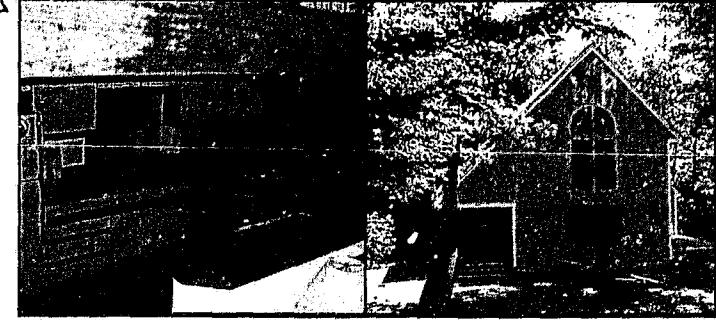
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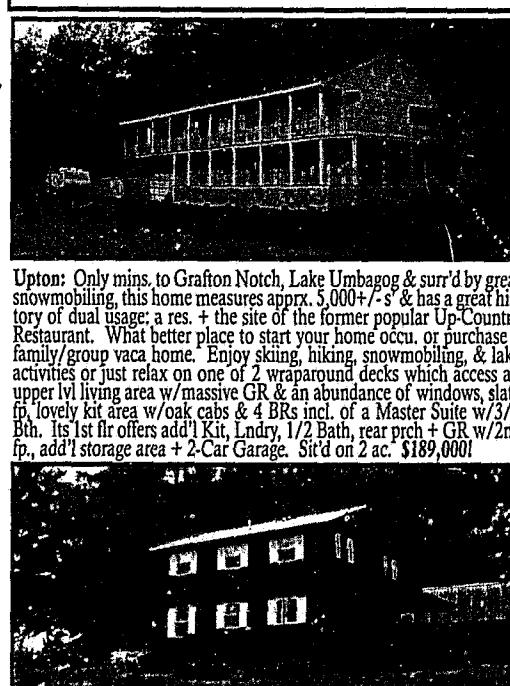
Sunday River Village, Newry: This 4-Story Quality Post & Beam Home is sit'd in the most coveted of Villages at Sunday River Ski Resort. Offering ever-so-close to fab ski trails & numerous amenities in a well est'd, precedent-setting subdiv on a 1+/- landscaped acre. You'll marvel at its spacious, open flr p! showcasing impressive p&b work, inventive window treatments, parquet flg & professional craftsmanship. Showcasing a striking GR w/adjoining DR, 2nd stry balcony, 5 BRs, lg upper lvl Loft Area, 3 Baths, Game Room, Hot Tub, Sauna, Deck, Porch, Nooks & Crannies. The Ultimate in Accommodations Awaits! \$589,000

Sunday River Village, Newry: A 1997 Contemporary year round home w/ prox to ski trails is available for sale in sought-after SR Village! Exceptional quality, detail & upkeep is exemplified throughout this tri-level open flrpn. A stone fp serves as a focal point of its GR displaying high ceilings offset w/massive windows crowned w/circle top glass. Pine firing spans the Living & Dining Area leading to a well designed Kit. An array of windows & glass sliders combined w/a deck & farm porch allow the scenic SR Mts & trail backdrop to be enjoyed from within. 5 BRs, 2 1/2 Baths! \$699,000

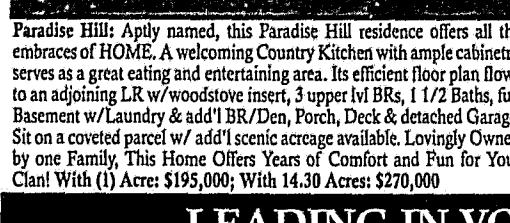
Coombs Village: Nestled Within A Charmingly Nostalgic Setting Of Enchanting Ski Chalets, one is sure to admire this adorable yr rnd dwelling. From its loc, one can drive 2 min to SR Ski Resort or walk to neighboring X-C trails & area restaurants/pubs. A perfect choice for those seeking a low maintenance vaca home which still offers privacy & low operating costs. Being conveyed fully furnished, you'll love its bright & airy flrn showcasing generous windows & doors accessing the add. of a 240+/- sq ft deck w/a personal hot tub. An efficient Kit/Dining Area, LR w/woodstove, BR/Den comprise the first flr while an eye-catching spiral staircase leads to a 2nd flr mstr BR w/skylight & storage areas. A storage shed & a wood shed are sit on its 1/2 +/- ac parcel which consists of natural ground cover w/an enticing pathway. Incl. septic & well, ass. maintained roadways and common plowing. Offering It All at \$139,900

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Paradise Hill: Aptly named, this Paradise Hill residence offers all the embraces of HOME. A welcoming Country Kitchen with ample cabinetry serves as a great eating and entertaining area. Its efficient floor plan flows to an adjoining LR w/woodstove insert, 4 upper lvl BRs, 1 1/2 Baths, full Basement w/Laundry & add'l BR/Den, Porch, Deck & detached Garage. Sit on a covered porch w/add'l scenic acreage available. Lovingly Owned by one family, This Home Offers Years of Comfort and Fun for Your Clan! With (1) Acre \$195,000; With 14.30 Acres: \$270,000



New Listing - Goss Pond, Bethel: A lovingly constructed 1994 Chalet sits at the edge of Goss Pond encompassing over 200' of waterfront incl of a sandy beach. Silhouetted by a mix backdrop, country woodlands, & the beauty of a reflecting pond, this 3 BR Home offers a convenient 1 BR in-law dwelling. A deck & 2-Car Gar completes this offering. Canoe, Rowboat, Paddleboat, Kayak, Ice Skate & hike up Little Bigelow Mtn while being sited only mins to SR & Mt Abram Ski Resorts, & Bethel Vill. Don't Miss Out - \$245,000!



Main Street, Bethel: The Victoria Inn, a jewel of a Queen Ann, circa 1895, is perhaps the finest work of contractor, Gilbert Tuell. Displaying the many assets of vintage Americana, its 2 1/2 stories w/ext ell & lg barn offer bay windows, elaborate trimwork, rich wood stair wells & flrs, a 1st story porch w/dispelinate windows, patterned shingles & a round corner tower. Ren throughout, visitors are welcomed to warm hospitality & yesteryear's opulence. 15 guest rms/suites, 50+ seat restaurant, manicured grounds - offered LS & B. \$999,000



New Listing - Will View Subdivision: A spacious New 2,300+/- square foot Contemporized Chalet Has Been Constructed on a nicely scenic parcel in coveted Will View Subdivision. Loc only 5 mins to SR Ski Resort, this highly skilled developer-built home will be comprised of a very large GR w/high ceilings & impressive windows, 4 BRs, a LR, 2 Baths & wraparound deck. Sit amidst aromatic pines & white birch. What A Dream Come True! \$249,000



Bethel Village: "House Beautiful" - This lovingly cared for & maintained home is nothing less than exquisite! From its ext w/wraparound porch, rear deck & sunny lawn to its light & colorful interior, this home has it all. A formal DR, LR, kitchen, dining room, & GR, brightened by large windows w/built-in shelves, tile flooring, cherry cab. offset by a enterating stone fireplace. A 3rd flr also offers 3 BRs & 3 Baths, incl a Master Suite w/cathedral ceiling & private bath. A 3rd flr FR showcases mtm views & doubles nicely as guest qtrs. \$349,900



Finish Line Pizza: Highly Visible & Successful Eatery On Main St. In Bethel Village. Being conveyed lock, stock & barrel on coveted corner loc, this 40 seat capacity restaurant/take-out venue has est'd a hefty repeat local clientele coupled w/a thriving tourist trade. Automated pizza oven, tables, chairs, alfresco furniture included. Extensive wine selection from pizza to lobster and wine to beer. A steal @ \$289,900! Or Take Just the Business for \$110,000; Or...Take just the building on .49 acre for \$199,000; Or...Take just the building on 1.40 acres for \$225,000



PRICE REDUCED - Bethel Village: This revered turn-of-the-century farmhouse is sit upon a prime in-town locale lending itself to innumerable possibilities including residential, vacation, home occupation or commercial ventures. Its classic floorplan offers a sunroom gabled-in porch, country kitchen, DR, LR w/ fireplace, 3 BRs, 3 Baths & much more. Fenced in grassy back yard area and new heating system. All this for \$159,000

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Bryant Pond: Spectacular Mountain & Valley Views abound from this well maintained 1997 Cape. 2,800+/- sq. ft. of well thought out living space includes a lovely Living Room, Dining Area with bay windows, Kitchen with breakfast bar, 3 bedrooms, inclusive of a Master with walk-in closet and balcony, 2 Baths, daylite lower level. Large wraparound decks & screened in porch allow the natural beauty of this secluded gem to be enjoyed. \$239,000

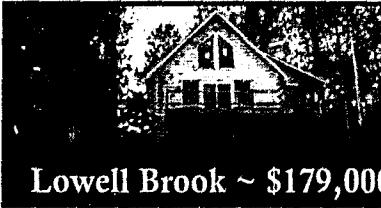


New Listings - Mountain View Circle: En route to the beautiful new Jordan Bowl Golf Course, 2 Beautiful Contemporized Chalets To Be Constructed - one in the Fall/Winter of 2003; the other in the Spring of 2004. Featuring open concepts with high ceilings, Great Room, 3 BRs inclusive of a master suite, 2 Baths - Quality Construction - Nested Within A Coveted Subdivision What A Great Buy At \$279,900! (Options Available).

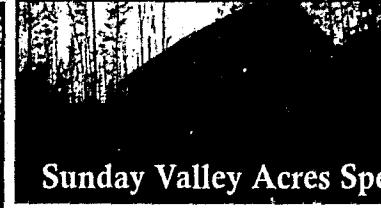
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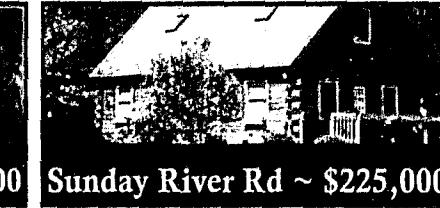
Lowell Brook ~ \$179,000



Sunday Valley Acres Spec



East "B" Hill Rd. ~ \$199,000



Sunday River Rd ~ \$225,000



Bethel ~ \$375,000



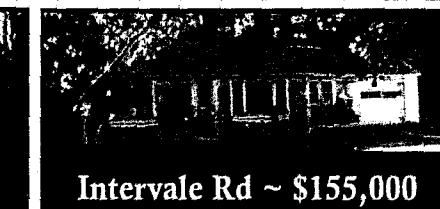
Rt. 2, Hanover ~ \$298,000



Bethel ~ \$169,000



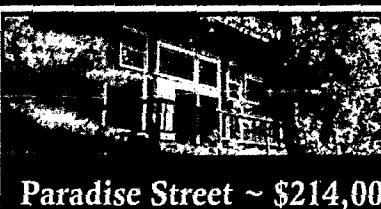
Bird Hill ~ \$159,000



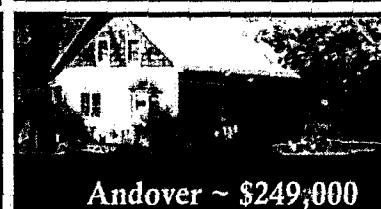
Intervale Rd ~ \$155,000



Grafton ~ \$39,900



Paradise Street ~ \$214,000



Andover ~ \$249,000



Goss Pond, Bethel ~ \$279,000



Goss Pond ~ \$269,000

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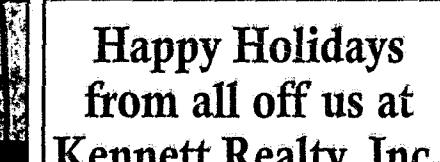
Lake Christpoher ~ \$439,900



Bear River Rd ~ \$449,900



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Sunday River Estates #11: Situated only one mile or so to SR Ski Resort & within walking distance to neighboring restaurants/pubs & ski shops, find this beautiful townhouse. A corner unit w/3 spacious BRs inclusive of a master suite w/large walk-in closet, 2 full baths, open concept living area w/newer carpeting & ceramic flooring, oak cabinets... Offered in pristine condition @ \$149,900

Fall Line N108 at Sunday River Ski Resort: Sleep 6 capacity 1 bedroom unit at coveted Fall Line condominium complex. Offering use of indoor heated pool, saunas, hot tub, 2 rec. rooms and fantastic trailspace access for all level of skiers. The only unit we currently have listed, won't last at \$69,900!

Riverbend #33: Located off the Sunday River Road so very close to the skiway and within walking distance to restaurants and ski shops, this two bedroom condo is in immaculate condition. Boasting post & beam quality construction within a convenient attractive floorplan, this furnished getaway is only \$115,000

SUNDAY RIVER SKLN/SKL-OUT CONDOS:
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Obituaries



PENNI L. FLOSTER
Penni L. Floster, 43, of West Paris, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston.

She was born in Bridgton on Jan. 26, 1960, the daughter of Lewis and Virginia Shaw Richardson. She graduated from Lake Region High School in 1978. She had been a teller at Androscoggin Savings Bank and a homemaker.

She married John "Jack" Floster on July 3, 1999. Her children were everything to her; she was a devoted mother.

In September of this year a lifelong dream to own a country store came true. She and her husband owned and operated the West Paris General Store.

She is survived by her husband of West Paris; her mother of South Paris; three daughters, Bethany L. Crock-

er of Manchester, Rebecca L. Crocker of West Paris and Kimberly J. Crocker of West Paris; a son, Ian J. Floster of West Paris; three stepdaughters, Melissa C. Whittier of Oxford, Megan E. Floster of Oxford, and Michelle L. Floster of Oxford; four brothers, Daniel L. Richardson of China, Kenton E. Richardson of Bridgton, John A. Richardson of Lovell and Bard E. Richardson of Auburn; a sister, Paula A. Smith of Buckfield; her in-laws Frank and Elizabeth Floster of Harrison; and a special friend, Debbie Jack of Oxford. She was predeceased by a daughter, Erin N. Floster; and her father.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Dec. 20, at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, South Paris. Remembrance donations can be made to the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition, c/o Dianne Swanson, St. Joseph's Hospital Women's Center, 325 Center Street, Bangor, ME 04401.

MICHAEL A. CORDWELL

Michael A. (Moose) Cordwell, 45, of Penley Street, South Paris, died early Sunday morning, Dec. 21, 2003 at his home after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Lewiston on March 23, 1958, the son of James and Arlene Plummer Cordwell Sr., and he attended schools in the Oxford Hills area.

He worked as a painter for Phil Smith for many years. He

also worked for the late Jim Beakley revamping old movie theaters. He enjoyed watching his Sunday football and wheeling and dealing at his yard sales. He also traveled to Brimfield, Mass., for antique shows.

He was a loving father, and kept the family together by having his family gatherings.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila Johnson Cordwell of South Paris; a daughter, Michaelien (Mikki) Cordwell of South Paris; his mother of Otisfield; a stepson, Christopher Severy of Wisconsin; brothers, James Cordwell of Norway, Stanley Cordwell of West Bethel, Mitchell Plummer of South Paris; sisters, Nancy Severy of Wisconsin, Jean Pulkkinen of Norway, Sally Haley of Florida, Connie Frankervich of California; a special niece, Billie Jo Severy; caregiver, Angel Marie Broad; several nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. at the Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Family and friends may call at the funeral home Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

Card of Thanks

A special thank you to Jack and Sue Cross.

From,
Joe & Joan Gable

Births

Jason and Sarah Berry of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jordan Genevieve, born on Sept. 27, 2003 at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Donna Morocco and Buck and Judy Buxton of Farmington, Conn.

Paternal grandparents are Retta Berry and Ed Powers of Newry and Scott and Rocky Berry of Bryant Pond.

Great-grandparents are John and Nancy Wight of Newry, Hi and Mary Lou Berry of Newry and the late Helen Berry of Newry.

Card of Thanks

The family of Earle S. Noye wishes to thank family and friend for the cards, flowers, food, visits, prayers and expressions of sympathy. Our thanks to the staff at Ledgeview Living Center, Di Harbage, Dr. Ware, Dr. Brown and Richard Nero. All were so good to him. We appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness.

Louisa Noyes
Elena Noyes
Hugh & Denise Swan

Card of Thanks

Thank you all for the many cards, notes, flowers, gifts, and acts of kindness to our family in the passing of our loved one, Maurice. Special thanks to the nurses and staff at Ledgeview, church members, relatives, co-workers, Dr. Nolan, Dr. Morton and Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Wife: Phyllis Morgan
Daughter: Wendy
Son: Craig and Family

Engagements

**LaVallee — Arnold**

Together with their parents, Marcy LaVallee and Phillip Arnold are pleased to announce their engagement.

Marcy is the daughter of Elizabeth LaVallee of Gilford and Timothy LaVallee of Winthrop, and granddaughter of Alzena and Lewis Sargent of Bethel.

Phillip is the son of David and Carol Arnold of Plymouth, Mass. He is a graduate of Falmouth Academy and received a B.S. in aquaculture from the University of Maine, Orono. He is employed by Maine Aquaculture Innovations at the University of Maine's Cooperative Extension for Aquaculture Research.

Marcy is a graduate of Gould Academy and received a B.A. in Studio Art from the University of Maine, Orono. She works in Ellsworth while continuing studies pursuant to a master's in Fine Arts.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at
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Town of Bethel Committee Vacancy

The following position was inadvertently omitted from earlier postings. Anyone interested in applying for a volunteer position as a Water District Trustee should contact the town office for an application form. Deadline to submit applications is Friday, January 2 at 4 PM. The Board of Selectmen take final action on this matter at its January 5 meeting.

Volunteers Needed

The Newry Volunteer Fire Department is looking for committed volunteers who would like to be a part of our dedicated team. No experience is necessary, training is provided on an ongoing basis. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month from 7pm to 9pm.

If you are interested, please call Bruce at 824-3905.

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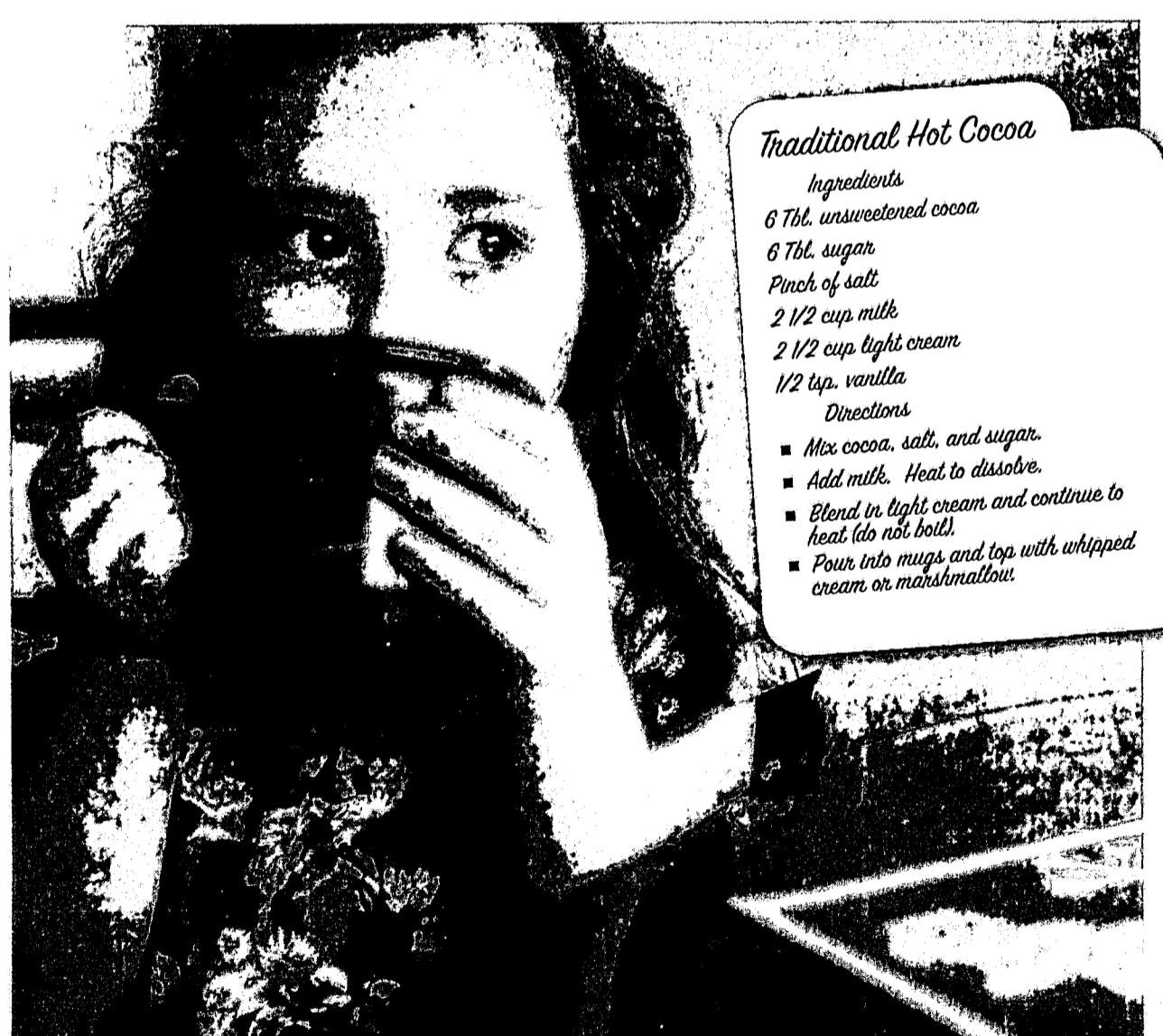
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